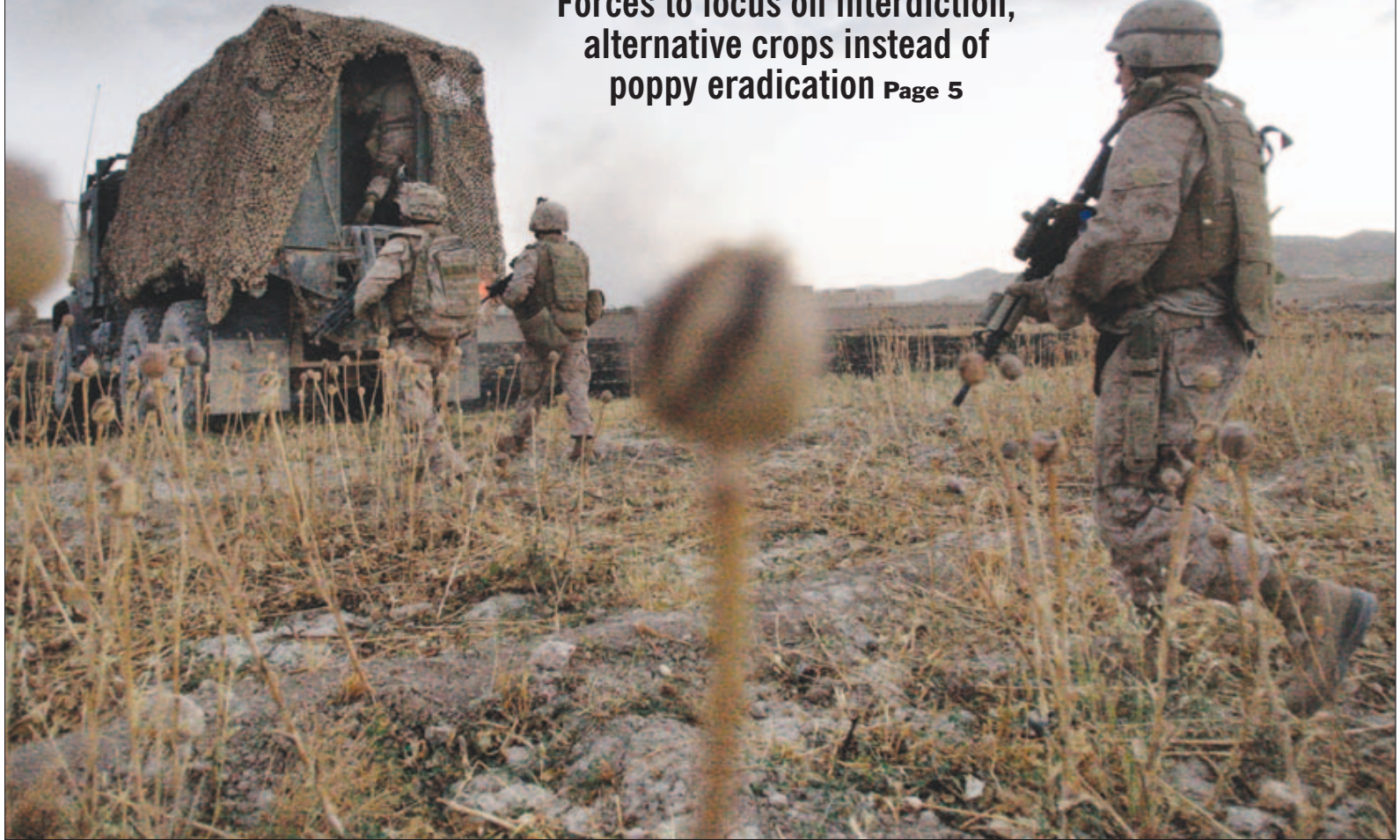


## U.S. shifts Afghanistan drug policy

Forces to focus on interdiction,  
alternative crops instead of  
poppy eradication **Page 5**



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Marines from the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines pass through a poppy field during operations earlier this month near Now Zad in Afghanistan's Helmand province. The U.S. announced a new drug policy Saturday for Afghanistan, saying that eradication programs were only driving farmers into the hands of the Taliban.

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## Obama considers holding some detainees indefinitely

By LARA JAKES  
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*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The White House is considering whether to issue an executive order to indefinitely imprison a small number of Guantanamo Bay detainees, concerned that Congress might otherwise stymie its plans to quickly close the naval prison in Cuba.

Under the proposal, detainees considered too dangerous to prosecute or release would be kept in confinement in the U.S. or possibly overseas, two administration officials said Friday. Otherwise, the White House could get bogged down for months seeking agreement with Con-

gress on a new legal detention system.

No final decisions have been made about the order, which would be the fourth major mandate by President Barack Obama to deal with how the United States treats and prosecutes terror suspects and foreign fighters.

One of the officials said the order, if issued, would not take effect until after the Oct. 1 start of the 2010 budget year. Already, Congress has blocked the administration from spending any money this year to imprison the detainees in the United States — which in turn could slow or even halt Obama's pledge to close the prison by Jan. 21.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"Quite frankly, he may be worth more dead than alive."**

— Jerry Reisman, general counsel for the Hit Factory, a recording studio where Michael Jackson produced his best-selling album, "Thriller." The pop icon — who had significant debts — died Friday at the age of 50.

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# CENTCOM: No ban on MRAPs in Iraqi cities

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — There is no ban on U.S. troops riding in MRAP vehicles in Iraqi cities, according to U.S. Central Command.

The Washington Post reported on Friday that new, restrictive guidelines would prohibit U.S. troops from using MRAPs

in Iraqi cities during daylight hours as of July 1. Stars and Stripes printed the Post story in its Saturday Mideast and Europe editions.

A CENTCOM spokesman said the story is wrong.

"Servicemembers remaining in Iraq WILL be able to use MRAPs, without restriction," Navy Capt. Jack Hanzlik said in

an e-mail. "GEN. [Ray] Odierno has been very clear, 'Security of our forces is paramount.' His staff has pushed an aggressive internal communication effort so every troop understands they are authorized to use MRAPs."

In a follow-up story Saturday, the Washington Post reported that the military said there was no ban on using MRAPs, but it

also said that four Army officers had received written guidance about such a ban.

Two of those officers said they had received no guidance to the contrary as of Saturday morning, according to the newspaper.

But Hanzlik said neither Odierno nor any subordinate command issued any guidance that restricted U.S. troops' use of MRAPs.

# Detainees: Congress blocking transfer funds

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The administration also is considering asking Congress to pass new laws that would allow the indefinite detentions, the official said.

Both the officials spoke Friday on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the still-tentative issue publicly. The possibility of an executive order was first reported by the investigative group ProPublica and The Washington Post.

Christopher Anders, senior legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union's Washington office, said the organization opposes any plans for indefinite detention of prisoners.

"We're saying it shouldn't be done at all," he said Friday.

Without legislative backing, an executive order is the only route Obama has to get the needed authority.

In a statement Friday night, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky cast doubt that Congress would approve funding for transferring or imprisoning detainees in the U.S. without detailed plans on how it would work.

Lawmakers this month blocked \$80 million the administration had requested for transferring the detainees. Without the money, Obama's order can't be carried out.

"Bipartisan majorities of Congress and the American people oppose closing Guantanamo without a plan, and several important questions remain unanswered,"



BRENNAN LINSLEY/AP

**Detainees jog at dusk May 13 inside the exercise yard at Camp 4 detention facility at Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba.**

McConnell said. He said Obama demanded the transfers "before the administration even has a place to put the detainees who are housed there, any plan for military commissions, or any articulated plan for indefinite detention."

Obama's order would apply only to current detainees at Guantanamo.

There are 229 detainees currently being held at Guantanamo. So far, 11 are expected to be tried in military tribunals, and at least one — Ahmed Ghailani, a Tanzanian accused in two American embassy bombings a decade ago — has been transferred to United States for prosecution by a civilian federal court in Manhattan.

Still others, including four Chi-

nese Muslims known as Uighurs who were transferred to Bermuda this month, have been sent to foreign nations. The Obama administration is trying to relocate as many as 100 Yemeni detainees to Saudi Arabia for rehabilitation.

Obama said last month he was looking at continued imprisonment for a small number of Guantanamo detainees whom he described as too dangerous to release. He called it "the toughest issue we will face."

It's not clear how many detainees could fall into that category. Defense and Justice department officials have privately said at least some could be freed at trial because prosecutors would be reluctant to expose classified evi-

dence against the detainees. Some of that evidence also might be thrown out because of how it was obtained — potentially by cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

A Pentagon task force is currently reviewing every case to see which are eligible for transfer or release, which ones could face trial in civilian U.S. courts, which are best suited to some version of a military commission and which are believed to be too dangerous to free.

Underscoring the difficulty of where to send the detainees before Guantanamo closes, a senior Defense official said some detainees who were picked up as enemy combatants cannot be charged with war crimes or terrorism even though they are believed to pose a threat. If no country volunteers to take them, traditional law of war authority allows the U.S. government to hold them until the end of hostilities, said the official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

Civil rights advocates and constitutional scholars accused Obama of parroting the detention policies of former President George W. Bush.

"Prolonged imprisonment without trial is exactly the Guantanamo system that the president promised to shut down," Shayana Kadidal, a lawyer for the Center for Constitutional Rights, said in a statement Friday.

He added: "If the last eight years have taught us anything, it's that executive overreach, left to continue unchecked for many years, has a tendency to harden into precedent."

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## Helping trauma victims race against time



PHOTOS BY CINDY FISHER/Stars and Stripes

The Solar Challenge exercise began June 22, when the 3rd Medical Battalion set up medical aid sites on Camp Hansen. The unit then relocated a shock trauma platoon to nearby Landing Zone Whippoorwill near Camp Schwab. As soon as stretchers were unloaded from an ambulance, sailors carefully searched the wounded, checking for unexploded ordnance or booby traps before moving them into the forward resuscitative suite Thursday.

CENTRAL TRAINING AREA, Okinawa — During a weeklong exercise that ended Friday, Navy doctors and corpsmen of the 3rd Medical Battalion practiced the medical skills so vital to saving lives in combat.

The Solar Challenge exercise began Thursday, when the battalion set up medical-aid sites on Camp Hansen. The unit then relocated a shock trauma platoon to nearby Landing Zone Buzard and a forward resuscitative suite to Landing Zone Whippoorwill near Camp Schwab.

The ability to relocate medical personnel and assets, quickly process wounded to a shock trauma triage to be stabilized and then medically evacuate them to the resuscitative surgical suites farther from the fighting are exactly the skill sets the battalion would use in Iraq or Afghanistan, said Cmdr. Pat Paul, the unit's commander.

Chief Petty Officer John Livingstone said maintaining those skills is vital because the battalion provides medical support to units in both of those combat zones.

— Cindy Fisher



Above: In the back of an ambulance at Landing Zone Whippoorwill, Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Gandionco directs which simulated victims should be unloaded first during the exercise.

Below: Petty Officer 3rd Class Jordan Orr, right, a Navy hospital corpsman, catalogues a simulated victim's injuries in the pre-op area of 3rd Battalion's forward resuscitative suite.



# Experts: China shifting policy on North Korea

BY ERIK SLAVIN  
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Stars and Stripes

North Korea's most crucial ally is exploring shifts in its policy toward the authoritarian regime, experts on East Asian relations said last week.

China hasn't taken any major actions against North Korea beyond signing the U.N. resolution condemning Pyongyang's May 25 nuclear test and calling for unforced inspections of suspected weapons cargo.

But criticism in China's government-authorized media of North Korea has grown to levels that were never tolerated until now, said Jonathan Pollack, professor of Asian-Pacific studies at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. Pollack has written more than 25 books and research reports, including books on U.S.-Chinese relations and on North Korea. His current research centers on North Korean nuclearization.

"What I am seeing is an openness to explore issues. There is much more sanction in authorized media to talk about North Korea in a frank way," Pollack said. "This can be used as a basis for what we have to assume is an internal reassessment, in light of all that is happening now."

In 2003, a Chinese journal published a paper hostile to the Kim regime and was quickly shut down, Pollack said.

Now, a series of articles in World Knowledge, a Chinese Foreign Ministry-backed journal, openly explores what China gets in return for its diplomatic and economic support of Pyongyang.

Other media outlets are discussing the succession of Kim Jong-il, who is rumored to be ill.

"It's unimaginable that the issue of succession would have been raised in authorized Chinese publications in the past," Pollack said.

"It really suggests to me that they are looking at North Korea differently. It's definitely a change from the past, in my view."

North Korea's first nuclear test in 2006 angered China, which feared the test would lead to fur-

ther militarization of the Asia-Pacific region. But the criticism China allowed at the time was less strident and prevalent than it is now, Pollack said.

China has protected North Korea since hundreds of thousands of Chinese "volunteer" soldiers swarmed past the Yalu River in the early 1950s to force the eventual Korean War armistice. Several South Korean observers said China will continue to support North Korea because it fears a refugee crisis should the current regime destabilize.

China's economic interests also play a role. China exported more than \$2 billion in goods to North Korea last year and received \$750 million in imports, according to the Seoul-based Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency.

Park Tae-woo, professor of international politics at Taiwan International University, believes the Chinese government is puzzled over its next step toward North Korea. "This is absolutely a turning point for China in finding better ways to handle and tame North Korea," Park said.

Park also said that until now, China has scolded North Korea just enough to protect China's growing international profile, without destabilizing the Kim regime.

However, a nuclear North Korea gives ammunition to Japanese nationalists calling for a full-scale military to replace its self-defense forces.

It also supports arguments for increased U.S. involvement and training with other regional militaries, which could create a heavily unbalanced strategic alliance against China.

That's why China will work to tame North Korea's nuclear ambitions, while the bigger picture demands that Beijing back the Pyongyang regime, said Lee Han-hee, senior fellow for North Korea and East Asia Studies at the Samsung Economic Research Institute in Seoul.

A non-nuclear but still militarily powerful North Korea continues to bolster Chinese influence in the region, while providing a buffer against Western influence on their borders.

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Left: A poster of Babylonians hunting lions adorns one of the buildings at the Babylon site in Babil province, Iraq. Right: From left, Sgt. Elton East, 22, of Asheboro, N.C.; Spc. William Watai, 24, of Barstow, Calif.; and 1st Lt. Bryan Kelso, 24, of Jacksonville, Fla.; survey the Euphrates River near the ruins of Babylon last weekend.



PHOTOS BY SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

# The future of Babylon

U.S. and Iraqi experts are developing a plan to preserve the ancient city and build a local tourism industry

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

**T**he remains of what was once the greatest city in the world occupy a vast site on the bank of the Euphrates River.

Their roots go back 3,800 years to when the city of Babylon was the heart of a Mesopotamian empire, and the remnants include great slabs of stone that are said to be the remains of King Nebuchadnezzar's castle. A giant stone lion guards one end of the fortifications, but the most stunning remnants were removed by European archaeologists in the early 20th century.

Now soldiers with the 172nd Infantry Brigade are exploring the ruins as part of a U.S.-Iraqi effort to preserve the ancient city and plan for the return of Western tourists.

Members of the brigade's 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment escorted a group of U.S. heritage tourism experts to the ruins last week for the first of several visits to develop a preservation and tourism plan for the area.

U.S. and coalition troops have been criticized in the past for damaging and contaminating artifacts. In a 2006 report, the head of the British Museum's Near East department said that, among other things, military vehicles crushed a 2,600-year-old brick pavement, and sand and archeological fragments were used to fill military sandbags.

Now the rapidly improving security situation in surrounding Babil province has persuaded the U.S. State Department and the Iraqi State Board of Antiquities and Heritage to embark on the preservation project, dubbed the Future of Babylon Project.

The State Department and the World Monuments Fund have committed



Irrigated lawns and gardens are tended on the banks of the Euphrates River near the ruins of Babylon in Babil province.

\$700,000 to the project, which will see U.S. and Iraqi experts develop a plan to preserve the site and develop a local tourism industry, said Diane Siebrandt, the U.S. Embassy's cultural heritage officer.

The Babylon project is one of several that the State Department is involved in to conserve ancient sites in partnership with the Iraqi government, she said.

Two people with expertise developing tourism plans for historic sites in third-world nations, Gina Haney and Jeff Allen, have been employed by the State Department to run the U.S. side of the project. They visited the ruins for the first time last weekend.

Haney said the pair will involve the local community in the plan's develop-

ment, as they did with a similar project encouraging Western tourists to visit Ghana's Gold Coast.

"You could throw money at it and do all this work, but unless you can create a sustainable situation, your opportunities for tourism will run out," Allen said. "The idea is to develop something that is going to be here 30 to 40 years from now and has benefits for the local people. We don't want something that will only benefit outsiders."

The Iraqi government will be involved in the planning as well.

"If you have 200,000 people a year coming to this site, you will have people staying at hotels, visiting restaurants, buying souvenirs," Allen said. "The site is in some ways a revenue generator for

the local community."

Babylon could be comparable to the Egyptian pyramids, which draw millions of tourists each year. But the area lacks the tourist infrastructure that has been built at sites such as the pyramids, he said.

"There is nothing for tourists here, but if you interpret and present it in the right way, you can spark interest," he said.

Allen, who has experience designing walkways and signs for other heritage sites, said detailed planning won't happen until authorities have worked out how best to preserve the ruins. The crumbling rocks of the original city are surrounded by more elaborate and modern fortifications, including a mazelike collection of interior walls built on top of genuine ruins during Saddam Hussein's time.

"Some of the past restoration work hasn't been very good," he said. "Saddam was trying to inherit the power of the ancients and continue that legacy. His restoration methods helped reinforce that vision of himself, and he created a pattern of restoration and repair work that benefited a certain agenda."

One of the 172nd soldiers who visited the ruins, 1st Lt. Bryan Kelso, 24, of Jacksonville, Fla., walked in wonder near the ancient stones.

"It's amazing to be surrounded by this history. To think that we are standing where Alexander the Great has been," he said, referring to the great Macedonian conqueror who died in Babylon. "Babylon is one of the oldest and first civilizations known to man. They created the wheel and the first calendars. Everybody coming here gets a sense of what this place really is and how it all traces back."

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# U.S. shifts focus of Afghanistan drug trade policy

By NICOLE WINFIELD  
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TRIESTE, Italy — The United States has announced a new drug policy for opium-rich Afghanistan, saying it was phasing out funding for eradication programs while significantly increasing its funding for alternate crop and drug interdiction efforts.

The U.S. envoy for Afghanistan, Richard Holbrooke, told The Associated Press on Saturday that eradication programs weren't working and were only driving farmers into the hands of the Taliban.

"Eradication is a waste of money," Holbrooke said on the sidelines of a Group of Eight foreign ministers' meeting on Afghanistan, during which he briefed regional representatives on the new policy.

The G-8 ministers "strongly appreciated" the shift, which also includes an increase in annual U.S. funding for agricultural development from a few million dollars to a few hundred million dollars, said Foreign Minister Franco Frattini of Italy, the current G-8 president.

Officials at Afghanistan's Interior Ministry and Counternarcotics Ministry could not immediately be reached for comment.

Afghanistan is the world's leading source of opium, cultivating 93 percent of the world's heroin-producing crop. The United Nations has estimated the Taliban and other Afghan militants made \$50 million to \$70 million on last year's opium and heroin trade.

The U.N. drug office said in a report last week that opium cultivation dropped 19 percent last year, but was still concentrated

in southern provinces where the Taliban insurgency is strongest.

The head of the U.N. drug office, Antonio Maria Costa, told the G-8 meeting that the dip in cultivation was welcome "though vulnerable to relapse" without concerted international efforts to assist farmers in abandoning poppy cultivation to harvest other crops. In addition, law enforcement operations must be increased to disrupt drug markets, production labs and convoys, he said.

Holbrooke said the U.S. planned to do just that with its new policy shift.

"We're essentially phasing out our support for crop eradication and using the money to work on interdiction, rule of law, alternate crops," he said. At the same time, Washington is upgrading its support for agriculture programs.

"That's the big change in our policies," he said. "This was widely accepted as the right thing to do."

Costa said the United Nations had determined that eradication programs were inefficient since too few acres were being cleared at too high a cost.

The U.S. strategy of phasing out eradication in favor of agricultural development and drug interdiction "seems to be the winning strategy, and I'm glad that all of this has received support from the G-8 ministers," Costa said.

*"The farmers are not our enemy, they're just growing a crop to make a living. It's the drug system. So the U.S. policy was driving people into the hands of the Taliban."*

Richard Holbrooke  
U.S. envoy for Afghanistan



FRANCO DEBERNARDI/AP

Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini, right, is joined by Renzo Tondo, president of the Friuli Venezia Giulia region, as he speaks Saturday after a G-8 foreign ministers' meeting in Trieste, Italy. Foreign ministers from the Group of Eight industrialized nations have applauded the U.S. decision to shift its funding for Afghan drug eradication to alternate crop development and agricultural development.

Holbrooke said the previous U.S. policy to combat Afghan poppy, which focused on eradication programs, hadn't reduced "by one dollar" the amount of money the Taliban earned off cultivation and production.

"It might destroy some acreage," Holbrooke said. "But it just helped the Taliban."

Agriculture was among the issues taken up at the G-8 meeting on Saturday, with participants saying in their final statement that agricultural

development was "key to the future of Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as other countries in the region."

"Moreover, food insecurity and chronic poverty are root causes of civil instability and forced migration," it said in calling for expanded international cooperation in agriculture to boost employment

and incomes and provide farmers with alternatives to poppy production.

Holbrooke said the international community wasn't trying to target Afghan farmers in its policies, just the Taliban militants who buy their crops.

"The farmers are not our enemy, they're just growing a crop to make a living," he said. "It's the drug system. So the U.S. policy was driving people into the hands of the Taliban."

Costa urged the international community to put the same amount of economic emphasis on boosting the agricultural sector that it puts on combatting the Taliban insurgency militarily.

"If this can be done, I believe that — and I'm optimistic — that the Afghan opium situation will improve dramatically," he said.

The shift in U.S. policy follows a steady decrease in the number of acres destroyed by eradication programs.

According to the U.N. report, opium poppy eradication reached a high in 2003, after the Taliban were ousted from power, with over 51,900 acres eradicated. In 2008, only 13,500 acres were cut down compared with 47,000 acres in 2007.

## Iraqi leader urges unity before U.S. withdrawal

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister appealed for national unity on Saturday and the country's vice president said he was worried about deteriorating security after more than 250 people were killed in the week before a U.S. withdrawal from cities.

The Shiite prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, blamed a series of bombings on the remnants of al-Qaida in Iraq and said they were aimed at triggering violence between Shiites and Sunnis.

"Today we are in need of unity, as they have shown their teeth against us," al-Maliki said of the extremists responsible for the attacks. "Our system falls when we return to sectarianism."

Nearly all the bombings and deaths in the past week have targeted Shiite areas, including the two deadliest attacks — a June 20 bombing that killed 82 people outside a mosque in northern Iraq and another in the Shiite enclave of Sadr City that killed 78.

Iraq nearly slipped into civil war two years ago and tens of thousands of people died in attacks between Sunni extremists such as al-Qaida and Shiite militias and death squads. It was brought back from the brink by a huge influx of U.S. troops in 2007 in what became known as the "surge."

As part of an apparent effort to deflate sectarian tensions, the United States late Friday released its most important Shiite prisoner, a key aide to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Shiites have been complaining that hundreds of prisoners, many of them militiamen and followers of al-Sadr, remain behind bars.

Abdul-Hadi al-Daraji, one of al-Sadr's closest political advisers, was arrested in January 2007 at a mosque in Baghdad's eastern Shiite district of Baladiyat. He was handed over by U.S. forces to Sami al-Askari, a senior aide to al-Maliki, inside Baghdad's Green Zone and immediately released.

"The only thing I can say is that I'm released," al-Daraji said. "I can't say more for the time being."

Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi, a Sunni, called in a statement posted on his Web site for "our people to be more cautious and avoid, whenever possible, crowded areas unless there is something important." He also called on Iraqi security forces to beef up their presence in public areas, markets and mosques.

U.S. and Iraqi officials have warned of a possible spike in violence over the next week.

Police and army units have been beefed up around Baghdad, especially around Sadr City, and furloughs for all security services have been canceled ahead of Tuesday, which has been declared a national holiday by al-Maliki's government.

## Karzai: Taliban should vote in Afghan election

By RAHIM FAIEZ  
The Associated Press

KABUL — President Hamid Karzai on Saturday called on Taliban and other militants to "vote for the president they want" in Afghanistan's presidential election, while a Taliban spokesman said militants would "disrupt" the vote without harming civilians.

Forty-one candidates are running for president in the Aug. 20 vote. A recent poll showed Karzai with a big lead over his opponents despite accusations of widespread government corruption and the bloody Taliban-led insurgency.

"I call upon the Taliban to come and participate in Afghanistan's election, to vote for and elect their future president," Karzai said at a news conference.

The Taliban are not fielding candidates and have warned

Afghans against voting in the election. A militant spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid, said insurgents will "try our best to disrupt the election" because the U.S. supports the election process.

"Whatever is to the benefit to the Americans, we are against it," Mujahid said.

Mujahid said there would be no attacks on places where there would be civilian casualties, suggesting that polling stations would not be targeted. However, he said militants would disrupt the election, but he refused to say how.

In the country's latest violence, militants attacked a checkpoint just north of the provincial capital of Helmand late Friday, killing eight police, said Daoud Ahmadi, the governor's spokesman. He said it appeared some of the police had a link with the militants and facilitated the attack. Two po-



RICARDO MAZALAN/AP

Afghan President Hamid Karzai speaks at a news conference at the presidential palace in Kabul on Saturday. Karzai called on militants to vote in the Aug. 20 general election.

lice were missing, he said.

In the eastern province of Laghman, a remote-controlled bomb killed the deputy provincial po-

lice chief of Kunar province and one civilian Saturday, said Sayed Ahmad Safi, the spokesman for Laghman's governor.

## IN THE WORLD



# Iranian president vows U.S. will regret stance

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed Saturday to make the U.S. regret its criticism of Iran's postelection crackdown and said the "mask has been removed" from the Obama administration's efforts to improve relations.

Ahmadinejad — with his internal opponents virtually silenced — all but dared Obama to keep calling for an end to repression of demonstrators who claim the hard-line leader stole re-election through massive fraud.

"You should know that if you continue the response of the Iranian nation will be strong," Ahmadinejad said in a speech to members of Iran's judiciary, which is directly controlled by the ruling clerics. "The response of the Iranian nation will be crushing. The response will cause remorse."

Ahmadinejad has no authority to direct major policy decisions on his own — a power that rests with the unelected theocracy. But his comments often reflect the thinking of the ruling establishment.

The cleric-led regime now appears to have quashed a protest movement that brought hundreds of thousands to the streets of Tehran and other cities in the greatest challenge to its authority in 30 years. There have been no significant demonstrations in days, and the most significant signs of dissent are the cries of "God is great!" echoing from the rooftops,

a technique dating to the days of protest against the U.S.-backed shah before the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Days of relatively restrained talk from both Washington and Tehran appear to be returning to a familiar pattern of condemnation and recrimination despite Obama's stated desire to move away from mutual hostility. Iran and the U.S. still appear interested in negotiations over Iran's nuclear program, but the rising rhetorical temperature can be expected to slow progress toward a deal, experts said.

"The political feasibility of pursuing it, and the likelihood of success has changed," said Trita Parsi, president of the National Iranian American Council. "I have a hard time seeing any real engagement taking place for at least four to six months."

Obama said Friday, in his strongest condemnation yet, that violence perpetrated against protesters was "outrageous," and dismissed a demand from Ahmadinejad to repent for earlier criticism.

"I would suggest that Mr. Ahmadinejad think carefully about the obligations he owes to his own people," Obama added.

Iran had been stopping short of its normally harsh language about the U.S., mostly blaming Britain and even France and Germany as Mousavi's supporters demanded a new election. Ahmadinejad had made relatively few appearances in an apparent attempt to avoid inflaming the situation.

The protests dwindled to scattered clashes as riot police and Basij militiamen



TOP: VAHID SALEMI/AP  
ABOVE: ARASH KHAMUSHI, ISNA/AP

**Top: Senior hard-line cleric Ayatollah Ahmad Khatami, far left, leads a Friday prayer at Tehran university in Tehran, Iran. Above: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, speaks to judiciary officials Saturday in Tehran, Iran.**

put down the unrest using batons, tear gas, water cannons and, in at least 17 cases, live ammunition. Mousavi said Friday that he would seek official permission for any future rallies, effectively ending his role in street protests.

Iranian authorities have barred journalists for international news organizations from reporting on the streets and ordered them to stay in their offices. This report is based on the accounts of witnesses reached in Iran and official statements carried on Iranian media.

## North Korea vows to down spy planes

By KWANG-TAE KIM  
The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea threatened Saturday to shoot down any Japanese planes that enter its airspace, accusing Tokyo of spying near one of its missile launch sites.

The North has designated a no-sail zone off its eastern coast from June 25 to July 10 for military drills, raising concerns that it might test-fire short- or mid-range missiles in the coming days, in violation of a United Nations resolution.

North Korea's air force said Japan's E-767 surveillance aircraft conducted aerial espionage near the Musudan-ri missile site on its northeast coast Wednesday and Thursday.

An official from Japan's Defense Ministry said the country's planes regularly gather information on North Korea but declined to comment on the types of planes used or the locations monitored. He spoke on condition of anonymity, citing government policy.

Also Saturday, North Korea accused South Korea of planning to participate in U.S.-led cyber-warfare exercises, calling it an "intolerable provocation."

The U.S. leads "Cyber Storm" exercises to test its defenses against computer hackers and invites officials from other countries to participate, but a South Korean Defense Ministry official said he had no information on the exercises. Calls to South Korea's spy agency seeking comment went unanswered on Saturday.

## Search for crash victims ends

SAO PAULO — Brazil has ended the search for more bodies from the Air France jet that crashed into the Atlantic Ocean last month, calling the task "impossible," but the search for the jet's flight recorders will go on.

Brazilian and French searchers have recovered large chunks of debris and 51 bodies from Air France Flight 447, which disappeared with 228 people on board May 31. Brazil's air force and navy on Friday ended the search for bodies or debris.

"The reason for this is the impossibility of finding survivors or bodies, which has always been the main focus of our search efforts," Brazilian Air Force Col. Henry Munhoz said at news conference.

But Munhoz said the search for the black boxes would continue "coordinated by France."

U.S. Air Force Col. Willie Berges, commander of U.S. military forces supporting the search, said searchers were likely to keep going 12 to 15 days past the 30-day mark of the crash.

## China building tips over, 1 dies

BEIJING — Chinese state media reported that a 13-story apartment building under construction in Shanghai toppled over almost intact, killing one worker.

Footage on state broadcaster CCTV showed the whole building on its side.

The official Xinhua News Agency said that a 28-year-old worker, surnamed Xiao, had gone into the building to get his tools and tried to jump out the window when the building fell. He was from Anhui province in eastern China.

The accident Saturday morning occurred in the "Lotus Riverside" residential community in Minxing district. The cause is under investigation, Xinhua said.

From The Associated Press

## NATO, Russia agree to resume military ties

By SLOBODAN LEKIC  
The Associated Press

CORFU, Greece — NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer says the alliance and Russia have agreed to resume military ties after 10-month hiatus caused by the war between Russia and Georgia.

Relations between the alliance and the Russian military were frozen in the aftermath of the five-day war last August. Although political ties have thawed considerably over the past five months, there have been no formal military contacts since then.

Scheffer, who is ending his term as NATO head, said Saturday it had been his ambition

to leave his successor with a NATO-Russia Council that was "up and running."

He said that aim had been achieved at a meeting of NATO foreign ministers with their Russian counterpart on the Greek island of Corfu. It was the first high-level meeting since the Georgian war.

The talks were held in the framework of the NATO-Russia Council, a panel set up in 2002 to improve ties between the former Cold War rivals. The meeting comes as President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev prepare to hold a summit next week.

NATO spokesman James Appathurai said that in addition to Afghanistan, military-

to-military cooperation would encompass anti-piracy patrols and counterterrorism activities.

"Does that mean there are no more areas of disagreement? Of course not, and Georgia is the big one," Appathurai said. "But the disagreement over Georgia cannot hang like a cloud over all other issues."

The NATO-Russia meeting will be followed Sunday by a meeting of foreign ministers from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, whose rotating chairmanship Greece currently holds.

The OSCE talks, will be followed Sunday afternoon by a meeting between EU ministers also will discuss Iran.



## IN THE STATES



MARY ANN CHASTAIN/AP

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford gestures Friday as he apologizes to his state agency chiefs for keeping them in the dark when he went to Argentina to see his mistress.

## S.C. governor's trip to Argentina raises questions

By JIM DAVENPORT  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The details of South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford's secretive trips to visit his lover in South America are being scrutinized by law enforcement officials at the request of some lawmakers and watchdog groups who fear taxpayer money could have been misused on his affair.

On Thursday, Sanford agreed to reimburse the state for part of a more-than \$8,000 tab that enabled him to see his mistress on an official economic development trip to Argentina's capital city. At a Cabinet meeting Friday, he told the head of the state Commerce Department he was sorry about the trip.

The department had initially included only Brazil on the official itinerary but added meetings in Buenos Aires at the governor's behest, said Kara Borie, a spokeswoman for the state Commerce Department.

Sanford did conduct business in Buenos Aires. Borie said there were no specific economic development projects that have come from them, but added that "visits of this nature are not that uncommon," and that results aren't always immediately evident.

Critics called on the State Law

Enforcement Division to investigate state spending on the trip and whether Sanford broke laws by leaving on his latest visit to Argentina last Thursday without turning control over to the lieutenant governor. His staff told people who asked that he was hiking on the Appalachian Trail.

"We also have to worry about whether this is the tip of the iceberg. We don't know what else is out there. We don't know what's going to come out tomorrow. We don't know what's going to come out next," said state Sen. Jake Knotts, R-West Columbia.

The law enforcement agency said it was reviewing Knotts' request, but "given the information we know, we do not believe that there will be a criminal investigation launched," agency spokeswoman Jennifer Timmons said.

Also calling for inquiries were the state chapter of government watchdog Common Cause and the Washington-based nonprofit Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics, which directed its request to the state ethics commission.

Sanford apologized Friday to state agency heads and at one point likened his struggle to that of King David. Sanford said King David "fell mightily, fell in very, very significant ways, but then picked up the pieces and built from there."

## Obama urges Senate to pass climate bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hours after the House passed landmark legislation meant to curb greenhouse gas emissions and create an energy-efficient economy, President Barack Obama on Saturday used his weekly radio and Internet address to ratchet up pressure on the Senate to act and follow suit.

"My call to every senator, as well as to every American, is this," he said. "We cannot be afraid of the future. And we must not be prisoners of the past. Don't believe the misinformation out there that suggests there is somehow a contradiction between investing in clean energy and economic growth."

The legislation would place the first national limits on emissions of greenhouse gases from major sources — such as power plants, factories and oil refineries — to reduce the gases linked to global

climate change. It would also start moving the U.S. away from fossil fuels and toward cleaner power sources such as geothermal, wind, solar and more nuclear generators.

Supporters and opponents agreed the legislation would lead to higher energy costs but disagreed on the impact on consumers.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated the bill would cost an average household \$175 a year, while the Environmental Protection Agency said it would run between \$80 and \$110 a year. But some lawmakers and industry groups say the real figure would be much higher.

Success will be tougher in the Senate. Majority Leader Harry Reid says he wants to take up the legislation by the fall. Sixty votes will be needed to overcome any

Republican effort to delay or block a final vote through a legislative maneuver known as a filibuster.

This "amounts to the largest tax increase in American history under the guise of climate change," declared Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana.

In the Republicans' weekly radio and Internet address, House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio said, "By imposing a tax on every American who drives a car or flips on a light switch, this plan will drive up the prices for food, gasoline and electricity."

Obama said the measure would cost the average American about the price of a postage stamp per day.

In California alone, Obama said, 3,000 people will be employed to build a new solar plant that will create 1,000 permanent jobs.



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# Madoff to lose everything

By TOM MCELROY  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bernard Madoff would be stripped of all his possessions under a \$171 billion forfeiture order handed down only days before prosecutors seek to put the disgraced financier away in prison for the rest of his life.

U.S. District Judge Denny Chin entered the preliminary order Friday, ruling that Madoff must give up his interests in all property, including real estate, investments, cars and boats.

The forfeiture represents the total amount that could be connected to Madoff's fraud, not the amount stolen or lost, and the order made clear that nothing prevents other departments or entities from seeking to recover additional funds.

A call to Madoff's lawyer, Ira Sorkin, after hours Friday was not immediately returned. In March, Sorkin said the government's forfeiture demand of \$177 billion was "grossly overstated — and misleading — even for a case of this magnitude."

The 71-year-old Madoff pleaded guilty in March

to charges that his investment advisory business was a massive Ponzi scheme.

Acting U.S. Attorney Lev Dassin, who released a copy of the order Friday night, plans to seek a 150-year prison term at Madoff's sentencing Monday.



Madoff

Ruth Madoff lost all interest in all property, including more than \$80 million worth she claimed was hers, prosecutors said, leaving her \$2.5 million.

The agreements strip the Madoffs of all their interest in properties belonging to them, including homes in Manhattan, Montauk, N.Y., and Palm Beach, Fla., worth a total of nearly \$22 million. The Madoffs must also

forfeit all insured or salable property in the homes.

Also seized: assets at Cohmad Securities Corp. valued at \$50 million and at Wachovia Bank valued at \$13 million, and tens of millions of dollars in loans.

## Five more banks shuttered by FDIC

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Regulators on Friday shut down five small banks, boosting to 45 the number of failures this year of federally insured banks.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was appointed receiver of the failed banks: Community Bank of West Georgia, based in Villa Rica, Ga.; Neighborhood Community Bank in Newnan, Ga.; Horizon Bank in Pine City, Minn.; MetroPacific Bank in Irvine, Calif.; and Mirae Bank in Los Angeles.

Community Bank of West Georgia had \$199.4 million in assets and \$182.5 million in deposits as of May 15. Neighborhood Community Bank had \$221.6 million in assets and \$191.3 million in deposits as of March 31. Horizon Bank had \$87.6 million in assets and \$69.4 million in deposits as of March 31. MetroPacific Bank had \$80 million in assets and deposits of \$73 million as of June 8. Mirae Bank had \$456 million in assets and \$362 million in deposits as of May 29.

The 45 banks closed nationwide this year compare with 25 in all

of 2008 and three in 2007.

As the economy has soured, with unemployment rising, home prices tumbling and loan defaults soaring, bank failures have cascaded and sapped billions out of the deposit insurance fund. It now stands at its lowest level since 1993, \$13 billion as of the first quarter.

## Nine dead in crash



GARY CROW/AP

Rescue workers and authorities work at the scene of a multiple-vehicle accident on Interstate 44 near Miami, Okla., on Friday. Eight adults and one child were killed when a tractor-trailer slammed into a line of cars stopped in traffic on the northeast Oklahoma turnpike.

## Jena Six case ends with plea deal

The Associated Press

JENA, La. — The Jena Six case, which once prompted a civil rights demonstration, saw the final chapter played out quietly.

Five of the six answered "Yes, sir" Friday as state District Judge Tom Yeager asked them if they accepted the terms of a deal that included pleading no contest to misdemeanor simple battery.

The charges against Carwin Jones, Jesse Ray Beard, Robert Bailey Jr., Bryant Purvis and Theo Shaw had previously been reduced from attempted murder to aggravated second-degree battery after they were accused of beating and kicking schoolmate Justin Barker. Civil rights leaders railed against the harshness of the original charge, saying it

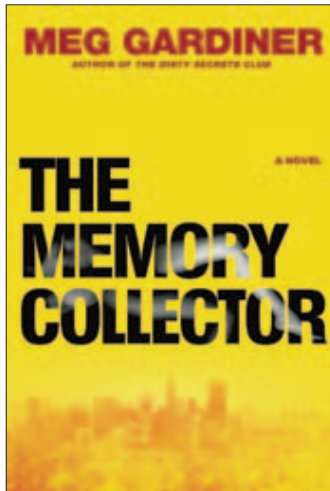
was because the defendants were black and Barker was white.

The plea deal gave the defendants seven days probation, a \$500 fine and court costs. Mychal Bell, the sixth defendant, had previously pleaded guilty to a second-degree battery charge and received an 18-month sentence.

As part of the deal, one of the attorneys read a statement from the defendants in which they said they Barker had not provoked the attack.

"To be clear, not one of us heard Justin use any slur or say anything that justified Mychal Bell attacking Justin nor did any of us see Justin do anything that would cause Mychal to react," the statement said. It also expressed sympathy for Barker and his family.

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# Jacksons: Grief, questions over star's death

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Most of Michael Jackson's family members have gathered in their Encino compound, where they are contemplating funeral arrangements and caring for his three children. They are feeling confused, upset and angry by the lack of information about those who were around the pop superstar in his final days, a person close to the family told The Associated Press.

Jackson's family wants to know more specifics about what role AEG, the concert promoter that was staging his 50-date concert series at London's O2 Arena, was playing in his life, said the person, who requested anonymity. They also want to know more about the role of his advisers and representatives, who they believe were put in place by the promoter.

Jackson never communicated to his family who he had in place

to handle his business affairs, the person said, adding that they were told by the singer's phalanx of advisers that the singer likely had a will, but it may be many years old.

The family is distrustful of what they are being told — but they are determined to find out more, the person said.

"There are decisions going down without the family being in the loop; it's becoming an issue," the person said.

Randy Phillips, AEG Live president and chief executive, said Friday that it was Jackson who insisted that Dr. Conrad Murray, a financially troubled cardiolo-

gist who was with the entertainer when he collapsed Thursday, be put on the tour payroll.

"Michael said he had a rapport with him," Phillips said.

Jackson collapsed Thursday at his rented home in Los Angeles. Police seized Murray's car in search of evidence, but have insisted that the doctor has been cooperative and that they do not consider him a criminal suspect.

A Houston lawyer said Saturday his firm has been hired by Murray. William M. Stradley, a partner in the firm of Stradley, Chernoff & Alford, said investigators have indicated Murray is considered a witness.



People sign the condolence book for late "King of Pop," Michael Jackson, at Madame Tussaud's wax museum in Berlin on Saturday. Jackson's family wants to know what role concert promoter AEG played in the entertainer's life.

MAYA HITT/AP



REED SAXON/AP

Sales of Michael Jackson-related merchandise such as these commemorative T-shirts, his albums and other memorabilia are likely to skyrocket in light of the entertainer's passing.

## Star's death likely to be lucrative

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson spent the last years of his life buried in debt. But the "King of Pop's" death is likely to yield a financial bonanza more lucrative than any comeback tour ever could as fans snap up his music and memorabilia and perhaps one day get the chance to tour his Neverland home.

"Quite frankly, he may be worth more dead than alive," said Jerry Reisman, general counsel for the Hit Factory, a recording studio where Jackson produced his best-selling album "Thriller."

Jackson's death leaves a multitude of questions about a financial empire that included his own music, as well as a 50 percent stake in a library that held the rights to songs by the Beatles. But Jackson reportedly had \$400 million in debts, and it isn't known how his estate will be divided.

This much is clear: Jackson's heirs, music labels and opportunists will probably be mining his legacy for decades to come.

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**E!** Online says Nick Lachey (once of "98 Degrees," and marriage to Jessica Simpson) and former Miss Teen USA and MTV VeeJay Vanessa Minnillo (once of Derek Jeter), who were gorgeous together for three years, will now be gorgeous apart.

— The Philadelphia Inquirer



AP

## BROTHER ON THE HILL

Nick Jonas of the Jonas Brothers waits to testify on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday.

He appeared before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hearing on Type 1 Diabetes Research.

Last August, the Jonas Brothers' first album, "A Little Bit Longer," debuted atop the Billboard 200 album charts. Now the quasi-rockers have done it again. Their latest, "Lines, Vines and Trying Times," sold about 247,000 copies its first week.

— The Associated Press and The Philadelphia Inquirer



AP

## Who's hottest?

Believe it or not, Americans are more into Christian Bale than the dreamy vampire from "Twilight."

MSN has just polled Americans to find out which celebrity they'd most like to date, and despite his fiery on-set tirade while filming "Terminator: Salvation," Christian Bale is the object of desire for more than 50 percent of women.

The notorious bad boy beat out some of today's biggest hunks, including Robert Pattinson of "Twilight" and Chris Pine — aka Captain Kirk — from "Star Trek."

Despite their good looks and overwhelming popularity, Pattinson only got 21 percent of votes and Pine a mere 14 percent.

A bit less surprising is the celebrity who 44 percent guys want to hook up with this summer, "Transformers" hottie Megan Fox. Following Fox, 38 percent of men would want to have a sexy summer fling with country star Carrie Underwood.

— Wireless Flash



Clockwise from top, Christian Bale ("The Dark Knight"), Chris Pine ("Star Trek") and Robert Pattinson ("Twilight") are among the hottest celebs.

AP



Paramount Pictures

Some viewers didn't like the portrayal of twin robots, Skids, left, and Mudflap in the movie "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen."

## Twin Transformers raise race issues

Harmless comic characters or racist robots? The buzz over the summer blockbuster "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" only grew Wednesday as some said two jive-talking Chevy characters were racial caricatures.

Skids and Mudflap, twin robots disguised as compact hatchbacks, constantly brawl and bicker in rap-inspired street slang. They're forced to acknowledge that they can't read. One has a gold tooth.

As good guys, they fight alongside the Autobots and are intended to provide comic relief. But their traits raise the specter of stereotypes most notably seen when Jar Jar Binks, the clumsy, broken-English speaking alien from "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace," was criticized as a caricature.

One fan called the Transformers twins "Jar Jar Bots" in a blog post online. Todd Herrold, who watched the movie in New York City, called the characters "outrageous."

"It's one thing when robot cars are racial stereotypes," he said, "but the movie also had a bucktoothed black guy who is briefly in one scene who's also a stereotype."

"They're like the fools," said 18-year-old Nicholas Govede, also of New York City. "The comic relief in a degrading way."

Not all fans were offended. Twin brothers Jason and William Garcia, 18, who saw the movie in Miami, said they related to the characters — not their illiteracy, but their bickering.

"They were hilarious," Jason said. "Every movie has their standout character, and I think they were the ones for this movie."

In Atlanta, Rico Lawson said people were reading too much into the characters. "It was actually funny," said Lawson, 25, who saw the movie with his girlfriend.

That was the aim, director Michael Bay said in an interview. "It's done in fun," he said. "I don't know if it's stereotypes — they are robots, by the way. These are the voice actors. This is kind of the direction they were taking the characters and we went with it." Bay said the

## Flick has record opening

Those "Transformers" robots are record-breakers at the box office.

Hollywood.com box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian says "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" debuted with \$60.6 million domestically in its first day, a new high for a Wednesday debut.

The previous best Wednesday opening was \$44.2 million for "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" in 2007.

The "Transformers" sequel also came in with the second-biggest single-day revenues, behind only "The Dark Knight," with \$67.2 million. "The Dark Knight" and "Spider-Man 3" opened on a Friday.

— The Associated Press

twins' parts "were kind of written but not really written, so the voice actors is when we started to really kind of come up with their characters."

Actor Reno Wilson, who is black, voices Mudflap. Tom Kenny, the white actor behind SpongeBob SquarePants, voices Skids. Wilson said Wednesday that he never imagined viewers might consider the twins to be racial caricatures. When he took the role, he was told that the alien robots learned about human culture through the Web and that the twins were "wannabe gangster types."

"It's an alien who uploaded information from the Internet and put together the conglomeration and formed this cadence, way of speaking and body language that was accumulated over X amount of years of information and that's what came out," the 40-year-old actor said. "If he had uploaded country music, he would have come out like that."

It's not fair to assume the characters are black, he said. "It could easily be a Transformer that uploaded Kevin Federline data," Wilson said. "They were just like posers to me."

— Sandy Cohen/The Associated Press

## There's going to be a movie about Facebook?

According to Variety, Columbia Pictures is having heavy nose-to-nose talks with David Fincher ("The Curious Case of Benjamin Button") to direct "The Social Network," a film about Facebook.

Aaron Sorkin is writing the script, about how Facebook was cooked up in 2004 by Harvard sophomore Mark Zuckerberg. The film is based on Ben Mezrich's just-about-released book, "Accidental Billionaires."

Producers include Scott Rudin, Michael De Luca, Kevin Spacey and Dana Brunetti. Shooting may start later this year.

No word on how much will be devoted to those totally engrossing lists, "Which Organic Vegetable Would You Be?" or "37 Olivia Newton-John Songs I Sing While Having an Epidural" or "People Say I Resemble the Left Earlobe of This Celebrity!"

— The Philadelphia Inquirer



## SCIENCE &amp; MEDICINE



AP

**A Burmese python slithers in a snake pit at the Savannah River Ecology Lab in South Carolina.**

### Pythons slithering north?

AIKEN, S.C. — One by one, seven slithering Burmese pythons were dumped into a snake pit surrounded by 400 feet of reinforced fence at the Savannah River Ecology Lab in South Carolina. For the next year all of them will call this snake pit — an enclosed area of tangled brush and trees — home.

Ecologists will track the pythons, all captured in Florida, to determine if they can survive a

few hundred miles to the north.

The fast-growing population of snakes has been invading southern Florida's ecosystem since 1992, when scientists speculate a bevy of Burmese pythons was released into the wild after Hurricane Andrew shattered many pet shop terrariums.

Now scientists fear this invasive species is slithering northward.

"They of course have an impact on native species," said Whit Gibbons, a professor of ecology at the University of Georgia and

a member of the python project. "If you have a big old python eating five times as much as another species that eats the same prey, it's a competitive thing."

Mike Dorcas, a professor at Davidson College in North Carolina, has sliced open pythons in Florida to find the remains of white-tailed deer, bobcats and large birds. One day before releasing the pythons into the pit, Dorcas, who is leading the experiment at the Savannah lab, implanted radio transmitters into all seven.

The transmitters enable scientists to keep track of the pythons' location and allow them to hunt down any that manage to escape.

The ecologists also inserted micro data loggers into each snake to record the internal temperature of the python every hour. After a year, Dorcas will remove the chips and download the information into a computer to discover how the snakes thermoregulate in a cooler climate.

From The Associated Press

# Bawk-bawk-bawk

## important chicken talk?

### Researchers aim to decipher every cluck and squawk to get the scoop on coop conditions

**Vocal sounds inside a university chicken coop are being recorded in an effort to decipher what the birds are saying.**

**MARK MIRKO/The Hartford Courant**

**By CAROLYN MOREAU**  
*The Hartford Courant*

**F**OR hundreds of hours, Ebenezer Otu-Nyarko has been studying "pok-cluck-cluck," "cluck-bawk-bawk" and "cluck-cluck-cluck."

It might earn him an advanced degree. Otu-Nyarko, a doctoral candidate at the University of Connecticut, has focused his research inside the poultry barn at the

University of Connecticut, where microphones hang from the ceiling and every cluck, bawk and pok is recorded. He and professor Michael Darre are trying to understand the language of chickens.

"This is not, 'Let's translate chicken to English,'" Darre said. "We are trying to find out their language and what their vocalizations mean."

The ultimate goal is to create a "black box" of chicken linguistics that would monitor chatter in the hen house. Every bawk and cluck would be sampled and compared to a recorded library of chicken sounds. Cries that match known stress vocalizations would trigger an alarm, getting a farmer out of bed, if necessary, to right whatever was wrong.

"Every farmer has one goal, which is to maximize egg production or putting on meat," said Otu-Nyarko. "The earlier we see stress and remove it, the better."

Research shows chickens have about 24 different vocalizations.

Otu-Nyarko is devoting his dissertation to determine just what these cries and calls mean.

His interest in chickens grew out of a collaborative study UConn participated in called the Dr. Doolittle Project, which examined the vocalizations of tigers, elephants, beluga whales, chickens and dogs.

In a pen in UConn's chicken house, Otu-Nyarko has spent hundreds of hours recording the birds. He uses sound engineering software to analyze the re-

cordings, the pitch, loudness, and intensity of the cries, and takes notes of what was going on in the pen at the time.

What is emerging, the researchers say, is evidence that chickens have different vocalizations for different situations.

"When they are heat-stressed, they give a specific pattern of vocalizations," said Otu-Nyarko. "And they also give a specific vocalization that, when recorded over time, taught us that when they are crowded ... they also let it out."

The UConn researchers say the creation of a black box for chickens is perhaps five years off. Questions remain, such as whether chicken squawk is different among different breeds or whether vocalizations might provide early warning of a disease such as bird flu.

The researchers also say their work could help settle the dispute between animal-rights supporters and large-scale animal farmers over housing chickens in small cages.

In courtrooms, state legislatures and corporate boardrooms nationwide, the Humane Society of the United States is fighting to ban "battery cages," small enclosures that don't let the chicken stand or flap its wings.

For the UConn researchers, the possibility of creating a black box for monitoring chickens would bring further scientific objectivity to a highly emotional debate.

"This type of research is a good way to find out — are they really stressed in cages?" said Darre, who is supervising the project. "We can get their vocalizations when no humans are around and we can determine whether they are actually under a poor welfare condition or not."



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## YOUR MONEY

# U.S. savings rate hits highest level since '93

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Households raised their savings rate to the highest level in more than 15 years in May as many used a big boost in money from the government's stimulus program to bolster nest eggs rather than to spend more.

Still, with consumer spending expected to stay subdued, a sustained economic recovery seems doubtful anytime soon.

The biggest chunk of the income gain in May came from \$250 payments for more than 50 million Americans receiving Social Security and other government benefit programs. In all, \$13 billion of the one-time payments were mailed last month.

Millions of other workers benefited from the tax-credit part of the \$787 billion stimulus plan. That program provides up to \$400 for individuals and up to \$800 to married couples. Workers began receiving that benefit in April in the form of less money withheld from pay, averaging about \$10 per weekly paycheck.

The bigger Social Security benefits pushed incomes up 1.4 percent in May, the biggest gain in a year. Yet it did not cause a similar jump in spending. Consumer spending rose only 0.3 percent.

Instead, Americans used their government windfalls mainly to boost savings.

The personal savings rate, which was hovering near zero in early 2008, soared to 6.9 percent in May. That was a 1.3 percentage-point gain from April and the highest rate since 1993.

Private economists expressed concerns, saying the next few months will be vital in determining whether the stimulus package works. Many still think about two-thirds of the stimulus payments will end up being spent. That would be similar to the outcomes in previous government stimulus programs in 2001 and 2008. And it could deliver enough of an economic punch to end the recession.

But analysts said high levels of layoffs or a further surge in energy prices could derail any recovery. Record-high energy prices last year dampened the effectiveness of a stimulus effort then.

"The next three to six months will be the moment of truth that will determine whether the stimulus effort will be enough to break this very vicious cycle," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. "I am hoping that somewhat firmer retail sales this summer and fall will convince businesses to scale back on their job cuts."

One concern is that the recession, which began in December 2007, has so rattled consumers that they will keep raising their savings rate to replenish their bank

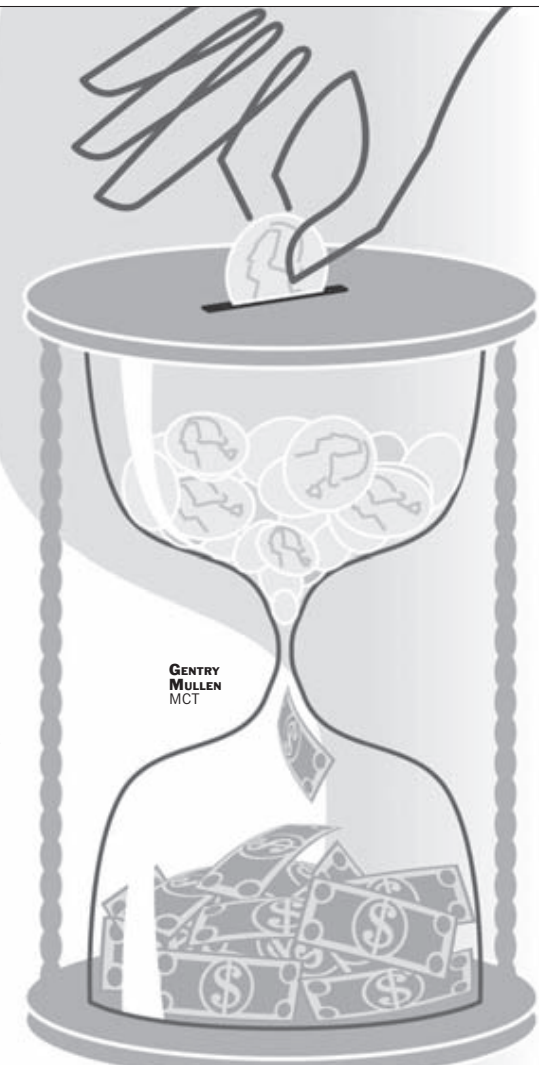
and investment accounts. Those savings have been shredded by the fall in housing and stock prices.

Some analysts say the savings rate could rise to 10 percent. But Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight, said he expects it to stabilize in coming months in the 6 percent to 7 percent range.

"We expect spending to creep slowly higher in the second half of the year as the labor market deterioration becomes less severe," Gault said.

The reductions in payroll withholding taxes helped boost after-tax incomes 1.6 percent in May, the Commerce Department said.

Without all the one-time benefits from the stimulus program, after-tax incomes would have risen only 0.2 percent.



## FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

### INDEXES

52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk
High	Low						Chg
11,924.19	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,438.39	-34.01	-0.40	-3.85	-25.63
5,293.41	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,263.07	+1.96	+0.06	-7.75	-33.53
528.07	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	355.79	-2.33	-0.65	-4.04	-29.82
8,945.54	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,906.96	-4.07	-0.07	+2.60	-31.50
2,257.28	1,130.47	AMEX Index	1,591.18	+1.92	+0.12	+13.86	-28.03
2,473.20	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,838.22	+6.68	+0.37	+15.56	-20.62
1,335.63	666.79	S&P 500	918.90	-1.36	-0.15	+1.73	-28.12
861.19	397.97	S&P MidCap	576.73	+1.04	+0.18	+1.14	-29.95
13,634.46	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,420.08	+7.89	+0.08	+3.66	-27.99
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	513.22	+4.04	+0.79	+2.76	-26.49

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
Most Active (\$1 or more)				Most Active (\$1 or more)				Most Active (\$1 or more)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	312324	12.75	+0.40	Hemishphx	183442	2.85	+0.45	PwShs QQQ	814106	36.37	+0.08
SPDR	1533256	91.84	-2.4	US Gold	101276	2.62	+0.25	ETrade	792131	1.28	+0.02
DirFinBull	134144	4.73	-0.09	BootsCoats	73967	1.52	+0.14	CellTher rsh	759542	1.85	+0.28
DirFinBull	1310322	9.15	+0.17	ParaGAS	59620	1.74	+0.25	Palm Inc	711174	16.22	+2.20
Citigrp	975643	3.03	+0.05	UraniumEn	58096	3.37	+0.45	SumMicro	633629	9.01	-0.19
SPDR Fnd	715146	11.92	+0.06	PSCrudeDL	50383	4.31	-0.12	Microsoft	546418	23.35	-0.44
GenElec	651774	11.75	-0.11	Unum	42393	2.13	+0.60	Cisco	424160	18.91	-0.12
ISHMkt s	632906	32.32	+0.17	ElGorId g	42724	4.40	+0.01	Intel	410857	16.29	-0.02
FordM	616209	5.61	-0.07	GranTrra g	42436	3.50	+0.25	Oracle	343561	21.24	-0.39
ISHR2K	517757	51.23	+0.18	BMB Munai	34804	1.03	-0.20	Maximlgtg n	273356	16.12	-0.48

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS						KEY MUTUAL FUNDS					
Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	NAV	Chg	YTD %Ret		
Alliant Technosystem	18	81.72	-7.3	-4.7		Fidelity Invest: GroCo	55.55	+0.33	+13.5		
Boeing	1.68	15	41.88	-0.65	-1.9	Fidelity Spartan: EqlDInv	32.68	+0.44	+3.2		
Computer Sciences	6	43.63	+3.2	+2.4		Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.85	+0.01	+2.6		
General Dynamics	1.52	9	55.46	-0.36	-0.7	Fidelity Invest: Ovrsea	26.62	+0.01	+6.1		
Harris Corp	40	8	11.75	-1.1	-27.5	Fidelity Invest: GroInc	13.34	-0.03	+1.5		
Lockheed Martin	36	14	20.90	+2.6	+15.0	Fidelity Invest: AMGrp	12.11	+0.01	+12.4		
Northrop	80	12	28.35	-0.01	-21.3	Amer Century Inv: Ultra	15.85	-0.02	+9.7		
Raytheon	1.21	9	31.77	-0.08	-3.2	Putnam Funds A: GrInA p	9.77	-0.01	+5.0		
L-3 Communications	1.40	9	69.05	-0.47	-0.7	AIM Investments A: ChartA p	12.51	+0.02	+7.8		
Lockheed Martin	2.28	10	80.97	-1.6	-3.7	AIM Investments A: Const p	17.29	+0.02	+2.7		
Northrop	1.72	11	45.96	-0.42	-2.0	Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	23.23	-0.03	+14.5		
Raytheon	1.24	11	44.50	-0.62	-12.8	DWS Invest S: GroIncS	11.65	-0.03	+7.2		
Rockwell Intl	1.16	11	31.93	+0.54	+1.0	Fidelity Advisor T: EqlnT	17.06	-0.01	+1.1		
Textron Instruments	44	22	21.45	+1.0	+38.2	Fidelity Advisor T: GrOppT	22.19	+0.19	+16.5		
Textron Inc	08	7	9.61	-0.36	-30.7	DWS Invest S: Intl Fds	37.08	+0.09	+17.0		
United Technologies	1.54	11	51.55	-0.48	-3.8	Putnam Funds A: GblEqty p	6.86	-0.01	+7.7		
						Lord Abbett A: DevGAs p	12.96	+0.18	+22.1		
						Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	13.93	+0.01	+3.7		
						DWS Invest S: CorPInc	9.87	+0.01	+4.3		

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (June 29)	94.00
South Korean won (June 29)	1,255.00
Euro costs (June 29)	\$1.4445
Dollar buys (June 29)	€ 0.6923
British pound (June 29)	\$1.69

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6480
Canada (Dollar)	1.1539
China (Yuan)	6.8345
Denmark (Krone)	5.2938
Egypt (Pound)	\$6.025
Euro	\$1.4068/0.7108
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7501
Hungary (Forint)	195.85
Israel (Shekel)	3.9600
Japan (Yen)	95.20
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2877
Norway (Krone)	6.4365
Philippines (Peso)	48.18
Poland (Zloty)	3.20
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4540
South Korea (Won)	1,277.50
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0852
Thailand (Baht)	34.05
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5404

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## PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$939.10
Silver	\$13.994

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.16
30-year bond	4.33

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

# Video game sales decline 23 percent

By BRIAN BETHEL

Scripps Howard News Service

Video gaming, long considered to be at least somewhat recession-proof, has suffered declining sales in recent months, with May's overall sales down 23 percent compared with the same time last year.

"The video games industry continues to struggle with difficult comparisons to last year, and this is the first month that industry sales have dipped below \$1 billion since August 2007," said Anita Frazier, a video games industry analyst for the NPD Group, which tracks video games and other industries.

Part of the blame may rest squarely on the current selection of titles, which has failed to produce a highly anticipated hit such as last year's monster-seller, "Grand Theft Auto IV."

Economist Karr Ingham of Amarillo, Texas, questions whether there are recession-proof products or services.

"There is very little that can be considered recession-proof, particularly when it comes to something as discretionary" as video games, he said.

Recessions are characterized

by job loss, a rising unemployment rate and, importantly, a contraction in spending by business and households, Ingham said.

"In terms of discretionary spending, there is frankly very little that could be considered off-limits," he said. "So, a recession, and in particular a relatively deep recession, is quite likely to affect spending on a wide range of goods and services."

Although video gaming might substitute for more expensive entertainment options, a deep recession is likely to cut into such spending, he said.

In Frazier's opinion, the industry's outlook isn't gloomy.

She said June is shaping up with any number of "promising" games, from "The Sims 3" to a new game based on the "Ghostbusters" movie franchise. It includes voice work by most of the films' original cast members.

When it comes to something as blockbuster as the gaming industry, even reduced sales mean big bucks. Video games account for a third of the average monthly U.S. consumer spending for core entertainment content, which includes music, videos and games.



# Navy: Sonar safe for whales off Florida

By RON WORD  
The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Navy believes sonar in a planned training range for submarine warfare off the coast of north Florida will not disturb calving by endangered North Atlantic right whales, it said in an environmental impact statement Friday.

Environmentalists reacted with disappointment that the Navy plans to go ahead with development of its Undersea Warfare Training Center in Atlantic waters 75 miles off the coast of Mayport.

The coasts of north Florida and south Georgia are the primary calving grounds of the right whales, who travel to the area

from New England during the winter to give birth and nurse their calves.

The right whale is among the world's most endangered mammals. Researchers believe there are only about 300 to 350 remaining.

Environmentalists argue that mid-frequency active sonar used by warships and aircraft to locate submarines can disrupt whale feeding patterns, and in the most extreme cases can kill whales by causing them to beach themselves. Scientists don't fully know how it hurts whales.

However, the Navy said Friday that the effect on marine mammals would be negligible.

Vicki Cornish, wildlife policy director

for the Ocean Conservancy, in Washington, D.C., said there were other areas where the training range could have been built.

"I guess I'm surprised the Jacksonville area was the preferred alternative considering this is the calving ground for a critically endangered species. This was not the best place to site a training range," Cornish said.

The Navy plans to place 300 sensors connected to shore by fiber optic cables in water depths from 120 to 1,200 feet over an area of 500 nautical miles. The primary users of the range will be ships, submarines and aircraft training to fight submarines. Construction will take up to three years.

Earlier this year, the National Marine Fisheries Service approved the Navy's plan but required it to take precautions to protect the whales and other marine animals.

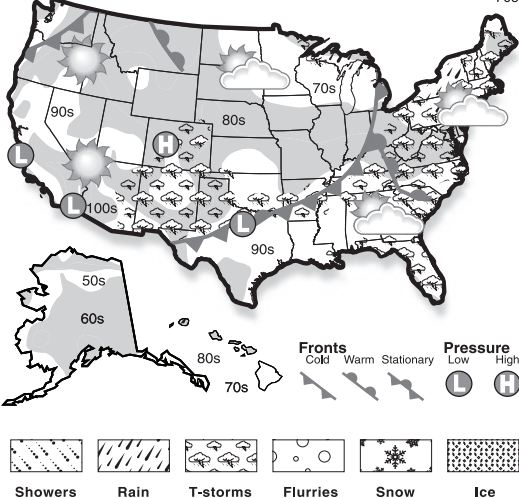
The Southern Environmental Law Center and a host of environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife, Ocean Conservancy and others, expressed concern to the Navy after it published a draft report last September.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are also concerned about the sonar. Florida had asked the Navy to cancel the project or at least close the range from mid-October to mid-April when the whales are in the area.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, June 28



### Front Brings Active Weather To South

A long cold front will sweep through the Plains and eastern third of the country. Areas of rain and some thunderstorms will develop along the front, while showers are likely in the Upper Midwest. Hot weather will continue in the West.

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### Saturday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Weather	La Paz 58 21 clr
Amsterdam 76 59 rn	Lima 67 63 cdy
Athens 84 64 clr	Lisbon 77 62 pc
Auckland 59 48 rn	London 75 60 rn
Baghdad 113 89 clr	Madrid 82 60 clr
Basra 123 90 pc	Managua 89 73 clr
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Belgrade 75 59 rn	Moscow 66 53 clr
Berlin 68 64 rn	Nairobi 77 52 pc
Bermuda 81 74 pc	Nassau 91 75 rn
Bogota 66 50 pc	New Delhi 109 91 clr
Brasilia 81 60 pc	Nice 76 68 rn
Brisbane 68 56 rn	Osaka 86 69 clr
Brussels 81 58 clr	Oslo 78 55 clr
Bucharest 85 56 rn	Panama 91 75 pc
Budapest 75 60 rn	Paris 73 62 rn
Buenos Aires 53 39 clr	Perth 61 49 rn
Cairo 91 77 clr	Prague 75 56 rn
Calgary 70 47 clr	Rio de Janeiro 71 66 rn
Caracas 95 79 pc	Rome 80 62 clr
Colombo 84 77 rn	San Jose 81 66 pc
Copenhagen 72 60 pc	San Juan 92 80 pc
Dhahran 116 84 clr	San Salvador 82 66 rn
Dhaka 83 83 clr	Santiago 61 37 pc
Dili 89 71 clr	Sao Paulo 61 57 rn
Dubai 103 85 clr	Sapporo 83 67 clr
Dublin 66 52 rn	Seoul 84 66 pc
Frankfurt 80 59 clr	Singapore 91 77 pc
Geneva 75 59 rn	Sofia 77 56 rn
Guatemala 77 62 rn	Stockholm 77 53 clr
Hanoi 88 77 rn	Sydney 64 48 clr
Harare 73 50 clr	Taipei 89 78 rn
Havana 82 71 rn	Tegucigalpa 81 62 pc
Helsinki 80 50 clr	Tehran 95 75 clr
Hong Kong 91 80 rn	Tel Aviv 90 75 pc
Islamabad 110 82 pc	Tokyo 86 71 clr
Istanbul 78 69 pc	Turin 79 63 rn
Jakarta 91 75 pc	Toronto 82 64 clr
Jerusalem 90 75 pc	Tunis 94 68 pc
Johannesburg 53 30 clr	Valletta 82 66 pc
Kabul 89 62 pc	Vancouver 67 54 pc
Kiev 83 66 rn	Vienna 77 60 rn
Kuala Lumpur 87 70 pc	Warsaw 67 62 rn
Kuwait 114 82 clr	Zurich 76 56 rn

## MONDAY'S FORECAST



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### Saturday's U.S. temperatures

City Hi Lo Precip Weather	Casper 71 50 cdy	Erie 77 62 .41 clr	Jacksonville 95 74 .27 cdy	Montgomery 96 75 cdy	Richmond 91 69 .19 cdy	Spokane 75 50 clr
Abilene, Tex. 104 77 cdy	Charleston, S.C. 91 77 cdy	Eugene 73 46 clr	Juneau 58 48 .04 rn	Nashville 94 75 cdy	Roanoke 91 71 cdy	Springfield, Ill. 92 67 cdy
Akron, Ohio 84 56 clr	Charlotte, W.Va. 84 67 clr	Evansville 97 74 clr	Kansas City 91 76 cdy	New Orleans 93 79 cdy	Rochester 79 62 .69 cdy	Springfield, Mo. 94 74 cdy
Albany, N.Y. 75 60 .61 rn	Charlotte, N.C. 91 70 cdy	Fairbanks 66 47 cdy	Key West 88 77 .19 rn	New York City 83 63 .73 cdy	Rockford 88 62 cdy	Syracuse 76 61 .03 cdy
Albuquerque 85 66 .02 cdy	Chattanooga 96 76 cdy	Fargo 90 70 .70 cdy	Knoxville 88 73 cdy	Newark 89 62 .10 cdy	Sacramento 93 61 clr	Tallahassee 97 74 cdy
Allentown, Pa. 85 59 .07 cdy	Cheyenne 81 56 .82 cdy	Flagstaff 77 45 .20 cdy	Lake Charles 97 78 cdy	Norfolk, Va. 90 73 cdy	St. Louis 94 74 cdy	Tampa 88 77 .33 rn
Amarillo 95 68 cdy	Chicago 86 62 cdy	Flint 82 56 cdy	Lansing 83 58 cdy	North Platte 93 59 .36 cdy	St. Petersburg 86 79 .20 rn	Toledo 88 60 cdy
Anchorage 81 48 cdy	Cincinnati 89 70 cdy	Fort Smith 99 76 clr	Las Vegas 98 80 clr	Oklahoma City 99 72 clr	St. Thomas 87 81 clr	Topeka 94 78 cdy
Asheville 87 64 cdy	Cleveland 81 60 clr	Fort Wayne 89 63 cdy	Lexington 88 69 .01 clr	Omaha 89 77 cdy	Salem, Ore. 73 50 clr	Tucson 101 80 .01 cdy
Atlanta 94 76 cdy	Colorado Springs 88 59 .03 cdy	Fresno 98 69 clr	Lincoln 91 79 cdy	Orlando 87 76 .02 rn	Salt Lake City 82 56 .24 clr	Tulsa 101 75 clr
Atlantic City 88 64 cdy	Columbia, S.C. 99 74 cdy	Goodland 96 63 cdy	Little Rock 96 78 cdy	Paducah 96 74 cdy	San Angelo 103 76 cdy	Tupelo 97 74 cdy
Austin 105 74 cdy	Columbus, Ga. 95 77 cdy	Grand Junction 81 57 .68 cdy	Los Angeles 77 62 cdy	Pendleton 76 46 clr	San Antonio 103 79 cdy	Waco 105 79 clr
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Birmingham 95 73 clr	Dallas-Ft. Worth 98 76 clr	Greensboro, N.C. 91 71 cdy	Madison 86 60 rn	Pittsburgh 83 57 .14 clr	San Juan, P.R. 92 79 clr	Wilkes-Barre 84 57 .47 cdy
Bismarck 90 59 1.03 cdy	Dayton 88 64 cdy	Harrisburg 87 66 .01 cdy	Medford 83 52 clr	Pocatello 82 53 clr	Santa Fe 88 60 cdy	Wilmington, Del. 88 64 cdy
Boise 83 51 clr	Daytona Beach 92 76 rn	Hartford 87 77 .34 rn	Memphis 97 81 cdy	Portland, Maine 75 57 rn	St. Ste Marie 76 53 cdy	Yakima 81 44 clr
Boston 84 66 .01 rn	Denver 87 58 .37 cdy	Helena 80 55 clr	Miami Beach 89 75 .33 rn	Portland, Ore. 73 53 clr	Savannah 94 77 .01 cdy	Youngstown 83 55 clr
Bridgeport 79 60 .45 cdy	Des Moines 86 72 cdy	Honolulu 86 75 clr	Midland-Odessa 97 72 cdy	Providence 79 63 .06 rn	Seattle 69 52 cdy	
Brownsville 95 77 cdy	Detroit 84 60 cdy	Houston 104 82 cdy	Milwaukee 78 61 cdy	Pueblo 99 59 .01 cdy	Shreveport 99 74 cdy	
Buffalo 80 61 clr	Duluth 80 57 .02 rn	Huntsville 96 75 cdy	Mpls-St. Paul 89 69 .47 rn	Raleigh-Durham 97 72 cdy	Sioux City 80 71 .05 cdy	
Burlington, Vt. 81 62 .66 rn	El Paso 98 76 cdy	Indianapolis 91 66 cdy	Missoula 76 46 clr	Rapid City 86 52 .54 clr	Sioux Falls 87 67 .64 clr	
Caribou, Maine 76 62 .06 rn	Elkins 83 57 clr	Jackson, Miss. 99 76 cdy	Mobile 92 76 .06 cdy	Reno 92 62 clr	South Bend 87 60 cdy	

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fix for ID card numbers

"Security of ID cards" (letter, June 22) hit upon a problem that was solved while I served in the Canadian military around 1991. Our social insurance numbers had, in effect, supplanted the regimental numbers used until the introduction of the SIN in the 1960s, with the end result that private information was splashed all over personal mail, identification cards, etc. I even remember people shouting "Sir I am XXX-XXX-XXX Bloggins" during basic officer training. The solution: the re-introduction of a "service number," by which I became known as D55 834 479.

As for "Wasteful Air Force flights" (letter, June 22), regarding Hawaii's Kona International Airport, I think you will find WestJet flies there from Vancouver, although passengers pre-clear U.S. Customs prior to leaving.

Mitch MacLeod  
Kandahar, Afghanistan

## It's called indoctrination

"Setting a course for homeland security" (article, June 24) quotes Jonathan Zimmerman as asserting that starting high school programs designed to channel graduates into homeland security jobs is a wonderful idea, as long as the program doesn't indoctrinate the students. Unfortunately, that's almost impossible.

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Setting aside glaring questions about the qualifications of the instructors and the potential to create a culture of fear among our youth, these students are at an age where they should be deciding what they want to do with their lives. They should not be funneled, even voluntarily, into a particular career field. That's the definition of indoctrination.

To be clear, this situation isn't like Junior ROTC. Rather, the homeland security curriculum was even added to traditional high-school classes. Students discussing

"Romeo and Juliet" will now focus on what to do when they see "infiltration in [their] own family." Perhaps they'll also read "Huckleberry Finn" and talk about what to do when they spot someone engaging in human trafficking on the Mississippi River.

Capt. Dan Harrison  
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

## 'Fix' Reserve, Guard troops

This is in regard to "Army standards being ignored" (letter, June 24). You are on a forward operating base that is overrun by Army Reserve and National Guard units. They have no idea what the standards are. I'm not saying they don't do their jobs, but these units don't have the discipline instilled in them like active-duty soldiers do. To see these soldiers walk around and be way out of regulation in regard to Army Regulation 600-9 ("The Army Weight Control Program") is absolutely disgraceful and makes the ones who are doing the right thing look bad, but these soldiers don't know any better. They go to training once a month and think they are soldiers.

Well, part of being a soldier is always doing the right thing. The leaders of these units need to take a look at themselves and see that they need to fix these soldiers.

First Lt. Ryan Donaldson  
Taji, Iraq

## Obama plays it safe – and shrewd – with Iran

Dallas Morning News editorial

As Iran's government shoots protesters in the streets and jails prominent political dissidents, calls are escalating for President Barack Obama to be more aggressive in confronting Tehran. Such an escalation might go a long way toward satisfying an enthralled U.S. audience, but the risks outweigh the benefits in terms of keeping Iran's protest movement alive. Obama is correct to exercise extreme caution.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the senior clerics backing his government probably will embark in coming days on an international campaign to legitimize what they claim is his re-election victory.

Look for promises of cheaper oil or signs of increased diplomatic activity involving China, Russia, Venezuela and Iran's Persian Gulf neighbors. There might even be hints of increased Iranian willingness to negotiate with Western countries, including the United States, to help resolve longstanding differences over Iran's uranium-enrichment program or security issues involving Iraq, Lebanon and Israel.

This wouldn't mean Iran is actually pre-

pared to make any new concessions. But the effect would be to show that the world is engaging with Ahmadinejad's government and, therefore, recognizing his "rightful" claim to power. Nothing could do more to crush the protesters' morale than to think the world has lost interest and is back to business as usual.

At the same time, Iranians are particularly skittish about any appearance of U.S. meddling in their internal affairs. If Obama criticizes too aggressively, he risks

*The time is optimal for the White House to press China and Russia for harsher U.N. economic sanctions on Iran for failing to curtail its uranium enrichment program.*

justifying harsher crackdown measures by helping the regime assert that the protests are part of a U.S. plot.

Now, more than ever, it is crucial for the United States to play a quiet but active diplomatic role in helping to isolate Ahmadinejad's regime. This means letting other nations, such as Britain and France, take the lead in condemning Tehran publicly, so that Washington can work behind the scenes.

The time is optimal for the White House to press China and Russia for harsher U.N.

economic sanctions on Iran for failing to curtail its uranium-enrichment program. Two years ago, when Iran imposed gasoline rationing amid a nationwide shortage of imported fuel, rioting erupted on the streets of Tehran. Tighter sanctions today would have the effect of a one-two punch, adding widespread consumer dissatisfaction to the existing tensions over this month's presidential elections.

The French ambassador to Washington, Pierre Vimont, told us recently that the situation is ripe for exploitation. Restricting Iran's imports of refined petroleum products "could have an immediate and very direct effect on the everyday life of

the population. They will suffer," he said. With tighter sanctions, "the unpopularity of the regime would grow. This is maybe one reason why the regime may ... show some opening, because they could be fearful of that."

Obama should steer away from any action that could inadvertently snuff out the biggest protest movement Iran has seen since the 1979 Islamic revolution. By playing the protests cautiously and strategically, Washington has the best hope of keeping Ahmadinejad where he needs to be — off balance.

By GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury





## OPINION

# What happened to saving Main Street?

Remember how, back when taxpayers were being asked to fork over hundreds of billions of dollars to bail out Wall Street, we were told it was essential to saving Main Street?

Well, in just a few months, we've gone from saving the banks in order to save the economy to just saving the banks. It's the opposite of mission creep.

**Arianna Huffington**



In announcing his proposed "overhaul of the financial regulatory system," the president said, "Financial institutions have an obligation to themselves and to the public to manage risks carefully. And as president, I have a responsibility to ensure that our financial system works for the economy as a whole."

But parsing through his 85-page plan, it's not clear how these reforms will ensure that our financial system works for the economy as a whole.

"The Obama plan," wrote Joe Nocera in *The New York Times*, "is little more than an attempt to stick some new regulatory fingers into a very leaky financial dam rather than rebuild the dam itself." For Obama's plan to have any lasting value, says Nocera, "He is going to have to make some bankers mad."

We are already hearing the usual whining from the financial industry about too much regulation and the dampening of incentives. And we are already seeing a concerted push from the banking lobby to kneecap the newly proposed Consumer Financial Protection Agency. But, all in all, there is little there to make bankers mad.

I don't expect there will be too many on Wall Street unhappy with the massive loophole the new plan leaves by calling for so-called plain vanilla derivatives to be traded on an exchange but allowing customized derivatives — which were at the heart of the financial meltdown — to remain largely unregulated. This is very good news for the wheelers and dealers who helped turn Wall Street into a casino.

The larger problem continues to be the administration's habit of conflating the health of the Wall Street economy with the health of the real economy — when, in fact, the two economies have become decoupled. The Dow may be up 25 percent since March, but the numbers that matter most to everyday Americans continue to tell a very different tale.

Unemployment, the single most important statistic when it comes to taking the temperature of the real economy, is at a 26-

year high. Yes, the number of people filing continuing claims two weeks ago dropped for the first time since January, but the number of new people seeking unemployment benefits rose — as did the number of people receiving benefits under the emergency federal program that extended benefits beyond the 26-week program offered by most states. All told, over 9 million people are getting some form of unemployment compensation. And most economists are expecting unemployment to continue to rise, hitting 10 percent — some even say 11 percent — by 2010.

Another indication of the troubled state of the real economy is the record high credit card default rates reported in May. The numbers are staggering. Bank of America's default rate hit 12.5 percent — up from 10.4 percent in April. Citigroup wrote off over 1 out of 10 of its credit card loans last month. American Express did the same. If the numbers stay around these levels, credit card issuers stand to lose over \$70 billion this year. And it's worth noting that a number of the biggest banks are reporting default rates higher than the "worst-case scenario" numbers from the Treasury's recent stress tests. ...

On the housing front, in May foreclosures dipped 6 percent from April — but the 321,480 homes lost was still the third-highest total on record. May was the third consecutive month with over 300,000 foreclosed properties — the first time that's happened since RealtyTrac began tracking foreclosure numbers. ...

And lending — the increase of which was supposedly the primary reason for the bank bailout — is also down. "If the banks aren't lending money," Jeffrey Rosen, deputy chairman of Lazard told me, "the economy can't get going." But, according to the Treasury's latest report on lending by the top 21 recipients of government money, consumer and commercial lending fell 7 percent in April — with nearly 75 percent of the banks reporting a decline in loan originations.

Despite this gloomy picture of the real economy, the administration prefers to focus on the rising sense of consumer confidence — even though this confidence hasn't translated to greater consumer spending.

"Everyone feels mildly better about where the economy is going," is how Joe Biden put it recently. Perhaps the vice president needs to get out more. There are 9 million out of work workers, thousands of former credit card holders and 321,480 newly homeless homeowners (and their families) who might say otherwise. ...

If the Wall Street economy is ever going to be recoupled with the real economy, we'll have to start by recoupling rhetoric with reality.

# Obama to Iran: Let them eat ice cream

On Iran, President Barack Obama is worse than Hamlet. He's Colin Powell, waiting to see who wins before picking a side.

Last week, massive protests roiled Iran in response to an apparently fraudulent presidential election, in which nutcase Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was declared the winner within two hours of the polls closing. (ACORN must be involved.)

**Ann Coulter**



Obama responded by boldly declaring that the difference between the loon Ahmadinejad and his reformist challenger, Mir Hossein Mousavi, "may not be as great as advertised."

Maybe the thousands of dissenters risking their lives protesting on the streets of Tehran are doing so because they liked Mousavi's answer to the "boxers or briefs" question better than Ahmadinejad's.

Then, in a manly rebuke to the cheating mullahs, Obama said: "You've seen in Iran some initial reaction from the supreme leader" — peace be upon him — "that indicates he understands the Iranian people have deep concerns about the election."

Did FDR give speeches referring to Adolf Hitler as "Herr Fuhrer"? What's with Obama?

Even the French condemned the Iranian government's "brutal" reaction to the protesters — and the French have tanks with one speed in forward and five speeds in reverse. ...

More than a week ago, French president Nicolas Sarkozy said: "The ruling power claims to have won the elections ... if that were true, we must ask why they find it necessary to imprison their opponents and repress them with such violence."

But liberals rushed to assure us that Obama's weak-kneed response to the Iranian uprising and the consequent brutal crackdown was a brilliant foreign policy move. (They also proclaimed his admission that he still smokes "lion-hearted" and "statesmanlike.")

As our own Supreme Leader B. Hussein Obama (peace be upon him) explained, "It's not productive given the history of U.S.-Iranian relations to be seen as meddling."

You see, if the president of the United States condemned election fraud in Iran, much less put in a kind word for the presidential candidate who is not crazy, it would somehow crush the spirit of the protesters when they discovered, to their horror, that the Great Satan was on their side. (It also wouldn't do much for Al Franken in

Minnesota.)

Liberals hate America, so they assume everyone else does, too.

So when a beautiful Iranian woman, Neda Agha Soltan, was shot dead in the streets of Iran during a protest on June 21, and a video of her death ricocheted around the World Wide Web, Obama valiantly responded by ... going out for an ice cream cone. (Masterful!)

Commenting on a woman's cold-blooded murder in the streets of Tehran, like the murder of babies, is evidently above Obama's "pay grade."

If it were true that a U.S. president should stay neutral between freedom-loving Iranian students and their oppressors, then why is Obama speaking in support of the protesters now? Are liberals no longer worried about the parade of horrors they claimed would ensue if the U.S. president condemned the mullahs?

Obama's tough talk last week proves that his gentle words about Ahmadinejad and Iran's "supreme leader" (peace be upon him) constituted, at best, spinelessness and, at worst, an endorsement of the fraud.

Moreover, if the better part of valor is for America to stand neutral between freedom and Islamic oppression, why are liberals trying to credit Obama's ridiculous Cairo speech for emboldening the Iranian protesters?

The only reason that bald contradiction doesn't smack you in the face is that it is utterly preposterous that Obama's Cairo speech accomplished anything — anything worthwhile, that is. Not even the people who say that believe it.

The only reaction to Obama's Cairo speech in the Middle East is that the mullahs probably sighed in relief upon discovering that the U.S. president is a coward and an imbecile.

Two weeks ago, New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman was exulting over the "free and fair" national election in Lebanon, in which the voters threw out Hezbollah and voted in the "U.S.-supported coalition." (Apparently support from America is not deemed the vote-killer in Lebanon that it allegedly is in Iran.)

To justify his Times-expensed airfare to Beirut, Friedman added some local color, noting that "more than one Lebanese whispered to me: Without George Bush standing up to the Syrians in 2005 ... this free election would not have happened."

That's what Lebanese voters said.

But Friedman also placed a phone call to a guy at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace — which he didn't have to go to Lebanon for — to get a quote supporting the ludicrous proposition that Obama's Cairo speech was responsible for the favorable election results in Lebanon.

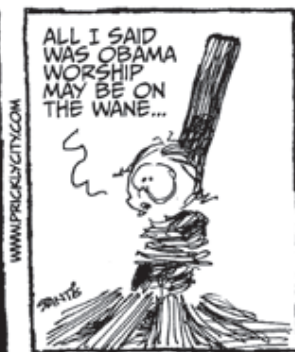
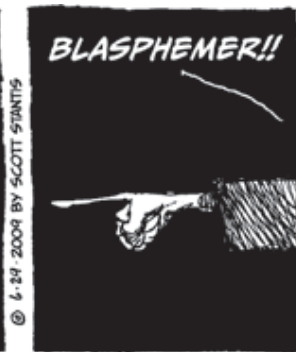
"And then here came this man (Obama)," Mr. Carnegie Fund said, "who came to them with respect, speaking these deep values about their identity and dignity and economic progress and education, and this person indicated that this little prison that people are living in here was not the whole world. That change was possible."

I think the fact that their Muslim brethren are now living in freedom in a democratic Iraq might have made the point that "change was possible" and "this little prison" is "not the whole world" somewhat more forcefully than a speech apologizing for Westerners who dislike the hijab.

Obama — and America — are still living off President Bush's successes in the war on terrorism. For the country's sake, may those successes outlast Obama's attempt to dismantle them.

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## Firefighters called twice to same home

**NY** LAKE SUCCESS, — Authorities say the same house caught fire two nights in a row.

Nassau County, N.Y., Fire Marshal Michael Mennello says both fires have been deemed accidental. They appeared to be related to construction work.

No injuries were reported. The \$1 million home in Lake Success was unoccupied. It had been recently sold. One of the fires caused extensive damage.

## Parolee may face extra time on assault charges

**CO** DENVER — A woman sentenced to probation for punching a Jet Blue crewmember will be in court to learn whether she'll get prison time for allegedly violating her parole because of new assault allegations.

Thirty-six-year-old Christina Elizabeth Szele will be in federal court in Denver.

She is accused of assaulting her sister-in-law in New York in March.

Szele was under probation at the time after pleading guilty to interfering with a flight crewmember last June on a New York-to-San Francisco flight.

Authorities say she punched a flight attendant who tried to stop her from smoking on the plane.

Szele has been in custody without bail since her March arrest.

## Jury awards man \$5M in lawsuit over prison time

**TX** HOUSTON — A federal jury has awarded \$5 million to a Houston man who spent 17 years in prison on kidnapping and rape charges that were overturned in 2005.

Forty-eight-year-old George Rodriguez sued after being convicted in 1987 based on evidence from the troubled Houston Police Department crime lab that was later discredited.

His lawyers argued that city officials were deliberately indifferent to a lack of supervision at the crime lab that created a risk that an innocent person could be convicted.

The city argued that Rodriguez's conviction was the result of false testimony given by a former crime lab manager and was not the fault of the city.

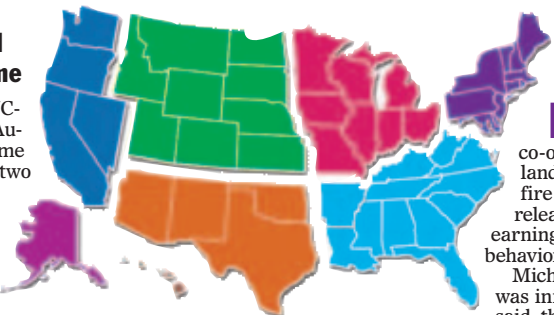
The Houston Chronicle reported that Rodriguez says he's satisfied with verdict.

## Student says he never faked sources in stories

**HI** HONOLULU — A University of Hawaii student accused of using false sources in articles he wrote for the Manoa campus newspaper says he has never fabricated sources or quotes.

Kris DeRego issued a written statement saying he "never intentionally misattributed quotes or attempted to mislead the paper's readership."

He suggested the paper's copy desk was to blame. Ka Leo editors say they've been unable to confirm the existence of 29 people quoted



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in DeRego's stories.

The newspaper says it couldn't find university records for 21 of the people.

For eight other names, the newspaper found students with the same or similar names who were not enrolled as students at the time they were quoted.

Ka Leo posted a lengthy correction of the stories on its Web site.

## Judge expels woman for feeding bears

**OR** NEWPORT — Karen Noyes often fed the black bears that came to her home near the Oregon coast. Then things got out of hand.

One hungry bear stormed a neighbor's barn and killed 60 turkeys. Another got stuck in a doggie door. Noyes asked wildlife officers to help remove the bears, but it was too late.

Now, they're all being chased from the rural area near Yachats as authorities try to restore the peace.

The 61-year-old Noyes was convicted of harassing wildlife and sentenced to three years probation.

Judge Thomas Branford also ordered her to stay away from her home and a seven-mile stretch of Yachats River Road for three years, beginning Aug. 31.

When humans feed bears, wildlife experts say, the bears lose their fear of humans and can become nuisances.



## Hopping around

Linden Greenhalgh, a Utah State University agriculture extension agent, sweeps for grasshoppers at an urban interface area of Tooele, Utah.

## Club owner is released early

**RI** PROVIDENCE — A former co-owner of a Rhode Island nightclub where a fire killed 100 people was released from prison after earning time off for good behavior.

Michael Derderian, who was initially due out this fall, said that his time in prison was difficult but that others have suffered worse.

He said in a statement that he plans to contribute to a nonprofit fund he started with his brother and fellow club-owner, Jeffrey, to raise money for education costs for children who lost parents in the February 2003 fire at The Station nightclub in West Warwick.

"I would also be willing to speak about my experience while incarcerated in the hopes that it may deter people from making the wrong choices," Derderian said in a statement posted on The Station Education Fund Web site.

## Bill collector saves woman held hostage

**CA** VICTORVILLE — Investigators say a California woman held hostage in her home by an ex-boyfriend was saved by a chance visit from a bill collector.

San Bernardino County sheriff's Deputy Mark James says the debt collector knocked on the door. The 30-year-old woman answered, scribbled the word "help" and her ex's name, Miguel Rios.

When the debt collector asked if she was OK, the woman cried and whispered that Rios had a gun and was holding her hostage.

Deputies were called and the 28-year-old Rios was arrested. The woman had bite marks and bruises, including marks on her neck where Rios allegedly tried to strangle her. Rios was booked for investigation of false imprisonment and making terrorist threats, among other allegations.

## Mom faces tampering charges on grades

**PA** HUNTINGDON — A high school secretary illegally changed grades in a school computer system to improve her daughter's class standing, according to criminal charges.

Caroline Maria McNeal of Huntingdon is accused of using the passwords of three co-workers without their knowledge to tamper with dozens of grades and test scores between May 2006 and July 2007 at Huntingdon Area High School in central Pennsylvania, the state attorney general's office said.

McNeal, 39, is alleged to have improved her daughter Brittany's grades and reduced those of two classmates to enhance Brittany's standing in the 2008 graduating class. School officials corrected the grades before the students graduated, prosecutors said.

Attorney General Tom Corbett said the case involves "a serious violation of the public trust."

McNeal was charged with 29 counts of unlawful use of a computer and 29 counts of tampering with public records.

Each count is a third-degree felony punishable by a maximum of seven years in prison and a \$15,000 fine, said Nils Frederiksen.



## Calm before storm

Storm clouds roll in over the "Tiki Beach" area of Fort Lauderdale Beach in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



## Ready to face world

An 11-week-old English bulldog rests in the hands of Marine Pfc. Brian Zuniga in Castroville, Texas.

The puppy is the newest mascot for the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif.



## Cooling off cars

Tim James of Pittsburgh Glass Works carries a sun-reflecting solar control windshield at a meeting of the California Air Resources Board in Sacramento, Calif. The board voted for a mandate requiring auto manufacturers to include sun-reflecting glass on all vehicles within the state, reducing the amount of air conditioning.





**Shipshape** The historic wooden schooner Bagheera sails under clearing skies on Casco Bay in Portland, Maine.



**Splashdown** White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs surfaces from the water after being dunked on the South Lawn of the White House by a member of the White House Press Corps in Washington.



**Step by step** A wren tries to maneuver a twig for its nest into a bird house in North Andover, Mass.



**Just fishing** Steve Cranor of Napa, Calif., fishes from Fort Point as fog begins to cover the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Cranor came to the city to fish as part of his 36th wedding anniversary.

## Former president's tomb to undergo restoration

**OH** MARION — The Ohio tomb of Warren Harding, America's 29th president, will undergo a couple of months of restoration work beginning July 6.

The Ohio Historical Society says a contractor will clean and repair the marble burial site in Marion, Harding's hometown about 40 miles north of Columbus. Officials also say landscaping will be improved under the \$256,000 contract.

A construction fence will limit public access to the outdoor tomb while the work is done.

The tomb was designed to resemble a Greek temple. The graves of the president and first lady Florence Harding are encircled in tall columns.

Harding died in 1923 while still in office. The historical society wants the work finished in time for an Oct. 11 ceremony observing Harding's birthday.

## Pet store charged over smell from rat bodies

**VA** HIWASSEE — A pet shop owner has been charged with 200 counts of failure to bury dead animals.

Virginia State Police said Wednesday that Alexander Nelson was charged after 200 rat carcasses were found covered by tarpaulins on his property in the Pulaski County community of Hiwassee.

This is the third time that complaints of a stench from carcasses have led authorities to bring charges against Nelson, owner of Classy Critters Pet Centers in Roanoke and Radford.

He was ordered to dispose of dead rats and fined \$250 last June after being convicted in Pulaski County General District Court of one charge of failure to bury dead animals.

State police filed a second charge in January.

## Miss Nevada will have to make do with flowers

**NV** RENO — Miss Nevada might not have a crown at her coronation.

Organizers say the crown, almost identical to the one worn by Miss America, was stolen from the locked Reno hotel room of a pageant board member.

The crown had arrived earlier in the day from K.A. Concepts, the official maker of Miss America crowns.

Pageant spokeswoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson says the company makes one crown for each state, and getting a replacement before the pageant is impossible.

She says Circus Circus hotel security is going through security tapes, and organizers will not press charges if the crown is returned in good condition before the pageant.

The crown, valued at \$400, is fitted with rhinestones.

## Opossum wedges itself inside soda machine

**NY** JOHNSON CITY — A baby opossum's instinct to play dead evidently didn't help matters after it got wedged inside a soda machine at a Binghamton-area fitness club.

The animal ran into the Court Jester Athletic Club in John-

son City, N.Y., and scurried behind a soda machine in the front vestibule.

The club's assistant manager called police after realizing the critter was stuck inside, hanging upside down in a compartment below the soda dispenser.

A police officer tried to pull the animal from the bottom of the machine, but it was lodged in place and making no apparent move to escape. About a half-hour later, an employee arrived with a key for the machine, the front panel was opened and the animal rescued. The officer released it in a nearby cemetery.

## Police find marijuana hidden in casket

**TX** DALLAS — A casket minus a cadaver yielded nearly 100 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop in Dallas.

William Dale Crock of Cave City, Ark., was jailed on \$100,000 bail on a marijuana possession charge, plus traffic and seat belt violations. Lew Sterrett Justice Center online records had no listing for an attorney for Crock.

Dallas police say Crock was arrested after bundles of marijuana were allegedly discovered under the casket's cover and pillow.

The Dallas Morning News reported the bust began with surveillance on a suspected drug house and the loading of a van. Police followed the vehicle, pulling it over on suspected traffic violations.

A drug-sniffing dog alerted officers to the marijuana.

## Council may reorganize state fishing-limit laws

**ME** PORTLAND — The New England Fisheries Management Council has begun a four-day meeting in Portland that might bring a new approach to groundfishing rules.

The council is slated to vote on a plan to allocate shares of the annual groundfish catch to groups of fishermen, or sectors. Fishermen who join a sector would no longer be limited to a diminishing number of fishing days each year, but could face shutdowns if their sector exceeds its catch limit.

Regulators, conservationists and some fishermen favor the new approach, called Amendment 16, as a way to rebuild stocks and sustain the industry, but some fishermen prefer individual fishing quotas.

## Bird calls not always music to the ear

**NY** NEW YORK — Bird experts say New York's mockingbird population has soared since the species first appeared in the city in the 1960s. To many New Yorkers that amounts to more noise pollution.

The male birds show off for female birds by imitating the sounds they hear. That could include honking horns, car alarms and other loud traffic noise.

Christopher Laver said a mockingbird nesting outside his Greenwich Village loft sounds like a Lexus that's about to be stolen. John DiMartino of Carroll Gardens in Brooklyn says he had to buy earplugs to muffle the bird sounds outside his apartment. He says the bird's song is loud, shrill and grating.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

The Libra moon focuses our attention on creating relationship harmony, especially where we live. The Cancer sun suggests that when we feel good about our home environment, everything on the outside is better, too. If there's anything keeping you from feeling completely peaceful in your own home, take care of it today.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 29).** You'll be working on a top-secret mission through the end of the summer. You'll gain ground by thinking more than you speak and asking just the right questions. Family is generous with you and could spring for special schooling or a trip in July. There's a windfall in December. A February move brings good fortune. Scorpio and Pisces adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** A partner has influenced your schedule to the extreme. Develop your interests outside of this relationship. Make your schedule and stick to it regardless of your partner's plans.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** If you feel hurried, you don't have to. You will get where you need to be at the perfect time regardless of what the clock says. Stay cool, patient and relaxed and you'll make a fantastic impression.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your social life is bursting with obligations, invitations and quirky personalities to tend to. You have to be organized to stay on top of it. Any improvements you make to your system will save you from hassle.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You probably won't get your way on the first try. And several attempts later, your progress may seem miniscule. But chalk it up to building your character. It's one of the few things you can build that will endure.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** A key relationship has felt unbalanced and chances are it's you doing the lion's

share of giving. Let your counterpart know exactly how to even the score. Your specific requests will be fulfilled.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Do some writing. Once you let go and let the words flow, the process is enthralling. You never know what's inside you until you take it out and look at it. You'll be surprised at what you learn about yourself.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You've made mistakes, just as everyone has. And you've come back from them stronger — not everyone has done that. Keep focusing on what you've done right. Tonight brings a fantastic money-making opportunity.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You figure out that you like someone more than you care to admit. Your first clue: the butterflies that fill your stomach when this person comes near. Despite your excited feelings, you'll act pretty cool.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You have developed a methodical system in order to keep yourself organized and on the ball. Being too rigid in this method will bring its own kind of problems, though. Stay flexible.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Someone believes in you. What a feeling! This person trusts that you will do everything you say you'll do. Knowing this, you deliver even more than you thought you could.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** When you were younger, you wanted something badly and didn't get it. The want remains, or at least an updated version of it. But you've learned to want constructively, without whining or complaint. Your wish is soon fulfilled.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** No one expects you to be infallible, except maybe you. So don't waste your breath apologizing for minor offenses. Accept that there will be some glitches and go patiently forward.

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## Holiday Mathis



# SUDOKU

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Difficulty: Very Easy

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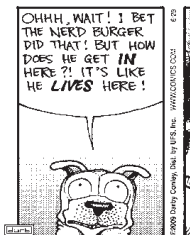
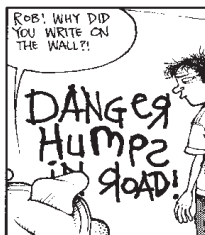
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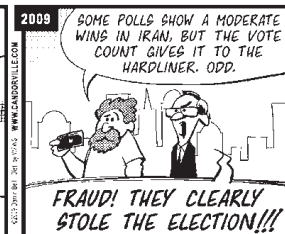
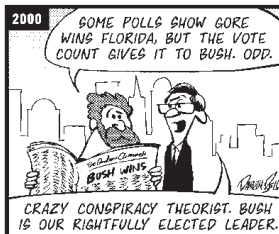
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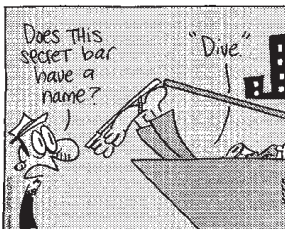
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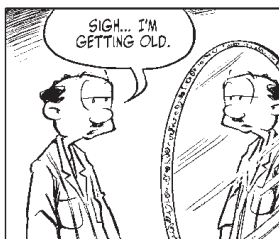
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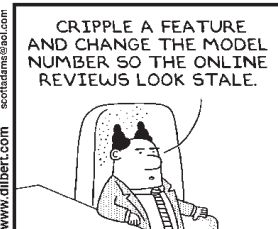
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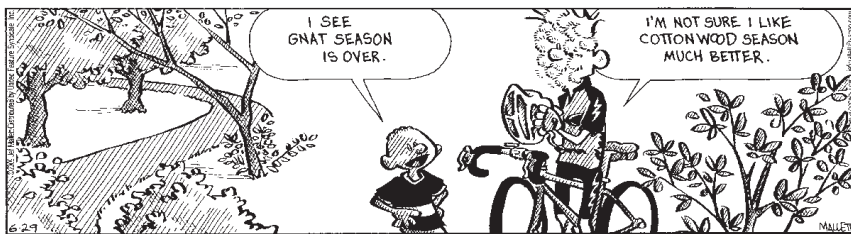


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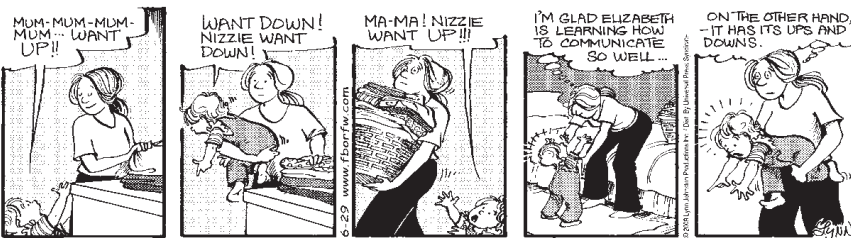
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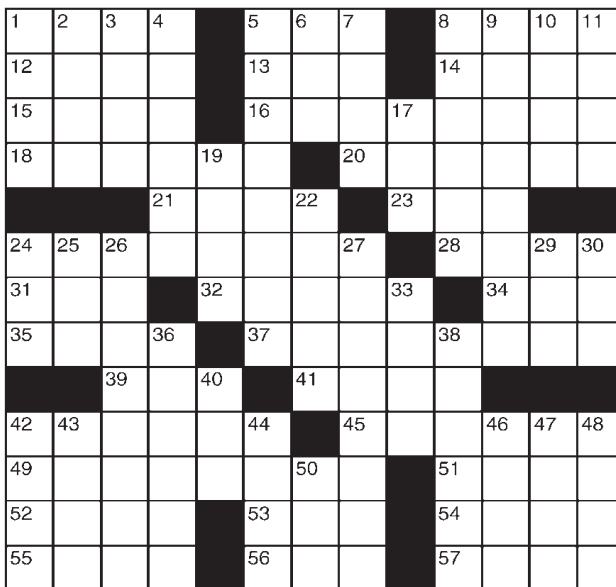
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Better or Worse



# Eugene Sheffer Crossword



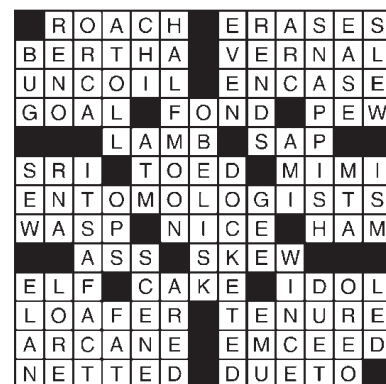
## ACROSS

- 1 Recedes
- 5 Mandible
- 8 "Airplane!" autopilot
- 12 Goose egg
- 13 Yoko of music
- 14 Cornfield invader
- 15 Authentic
- 16 Football break
- 18 Aft
- 20 Got lathery
- 21 Stereo alternative
- 23 Wildebeest
- 24 Interim
- 28 Therefore
- 31 Donkey
- 32 Navy elite
- 34 Sawbuck
- 35 Grand story
- 37 HBO rival
- 39 Also
- 41 Blue shade
- 42 Teeming
- 45 Diamond ref
- 49 Work-when-you-want set-up
- 51 Mid-March date
- 52 Exceptional
- 53 — Francisco
- 54 Tide type
- 55 Newspaper page
- 56 Choose, with "for"
- 57 Smelly

## DOWN

- 1 Poet Pound
- 2 Honey bunch?
- 3 Neighbor's kid?
- 4 Grave
- 5 Hospital gowns
- 6 Literary collection
- 7 Three Little Pigs' pursuer
- 8 Gasoline rating number
- 9 Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, collectively
- 10 Heavy book
- 11 Didn't pay yet
- 17 Visibility hindrance
- 19 Deteriorates
- 22 Nebraska city
- 24 West of Hollywood
- 25 Kreskin's claim
- 26 So to speak
- 27 Silver-tongued
- 29 Jewel
- 30 Individual
- 33 Has done laps in the pool
- 36 Wheedled
- 38 Recording
- 40 Table scrap
- 42 Frizzy hairdo
- 43 Be openhanded with?
- 44 Soybean paste
- 46 Notion
- 47 Paper quantity
- 48 Catch sight of
- 50 Atlas page

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

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**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** IF PEOPLE CAN IRON CLOTHES IN WHATEVER MANNER THEY WANT, I'D SAY THAT'S FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals M







## AFRTS Television Schedule

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	(8:00) Sports	The Magic School Bus	(7:15) Ordinary People	Washington Week	Life on the Way	USARJ This Week	The Universe "Super-novas"	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Texas Rangers.	Sports
9:30		Fetch! With Ruff Ruffman	(28) Movie "State and Main" (2000, Comedy) Alec Baldwin, William H. Macy.	Army Newswatch	T.D. Jakes	FNG Useful benefits.	I Shouldn't Be Alive "Nightmare Canyon"	From Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Texas. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
10:00		Codename: Kid		Today's Air Force	Love Worth Finding	Fit For Duty			
10:30		Sabrina's Secret Life		The Chris Matthews Show	The Pure Life	Battleground			
11:00	Sports	Growing Pains	(15) Movie "Notting Hill" (1999, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant. A bookseller and a movie star have an unlikely romance.	Newsroom	Grand Ole Opry Live	Recon Revisited	Extreme Engineering "Iceland Tunnel"		
11:30		The Cosby Show		Journal Editorial Report	MotorWeek	Battleground	The Suze Orman Show	SportsCenter	Sports
12:00		Full House		Fox News Watch	At the Movies	Today's Air Force			
12:30		Drake & Josh		Larry King Live	Digging for the Truth	All Hands TV	All-Girl Getaways	Baseball Tonight	
13:00	McLaughlin Group	Movie "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" (1990) Judith Hoag, Elias Koteas.	(29) Movie "Young Frankenstein" (1974, Comedy) Gene Wilder, Peter Boyle.	Geraldo at Large	The True Story of Gladiators	Week-Pentagon	Quick Fix Meals		
13:30	ESPNews			Huckabee	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "Puerto Rico"	The American Veteran	Iron Chef America Chefs compete.	SportsCenter	
14:00	Washington Week					Fit For Duty	Star Trek: Voyager "Dark Frontier" (Part 2 of 2)	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	House Call	(40) Movie "Kim Possible: A Sitch in Time" (2003, Adventure) Will Friedle		FOX Report	Dirty Jobs "Turkey Farmer" Turkey and potatoes.	Battleground	Heroes "The Fix"	PGA Tour Golf Travelers Championship -- Third Round. From TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn. (Same-day Tape)	
15:00	Entertainers	SpongeBob SquarePants		Newsroom	Washington's Generals Marquis de Lafayette.	Army Newswatch	King of the Hill		Sports
15:30		SpongeBob SquarePants		Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show	The Grill Sergeants	That '70s Show		
16:00	Life on the Way	Be the Creature "Orangutan"	Movie "Stripes" (1981) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis. A joy ride takes two Army recruits across enemy lines.		ESPN	Sun City Soldier	The King of Queens		
16:30	T.D. Jakes	America's Funniest Home Videos		Newsroom	20/20	Recon	Everybody-Ramond		
17:00	Love Worth Finding					FNG Useful benefits.	Eli Stone "Tailspin"	SportsCenter	
17:30	The Pure Life			Week-Pentagon	Medium "All in the Family"	Today's Air Force			
18:00	Grand Ole Opry Live			Army Newswatch	Kitchen Nightmares "Hannah & Mason's"	Recon Revisited	Dirty Sexy Money "The Verdict"	Baseball Tonight	Sports
18:30				Today	Headline News	Week-Pentagon	Mad Men "Marriage of Figaro" Don attends a party.	SportsCenter	
19:00	MotorWeek			CBS News Sunday Morning	Saturday Night Live	National Guard News	Seinfeld	(9:55) Soccer FIFA Confederations Cup Third-Place Game -- Teams TBA. From Rustenburg, South Africa.	Sports
19:30	At the Movies					Around the Services	Friends		
20:00	Digging for the Truth			Face the Nation		Around the Services	Law & Order "Bait"		
20:30						Around the Services			
21:00	The True Story of Gladiators								
21:30	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations "Puerto Rico"								
22:00	Dirty Jobs "Turkey Farmer" Turkey and potatoes.								
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23:00									
23:30									

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009

00:00	Washington's Generals Marquis de Lafayette.	So You Think You Can Dance Two dancers are eliminated.	(11:00) Movie "Coyote Ugly" (2000) Piper Perabo.	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	Comics Unleashed Two and a Half Men	Around the Services	24 "Day 6: 10:00AM - 11:00AM"	SportsCenter	(11:00) Sports
00:30				Meet the Press	NCIS "Sharif Returns"	Fit For Duty	Grey's Anatomy "Where the Boys Are"	Baseball Tonight	
1:00	Sports	Smallville "Abyss"		America's News HQ	Cold Case "Static"	The Benning Report	Prison Break "Sweet Caroline"	Tennis Wimbledon. From the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live)	Soccer FIFA Confederations Cup Final -- Teams TBA. From Johannesburg, South Africa. (Live)
1:30				Newsroom	20/20	The Grill Sergeants	NUMB3RS "The Running Man"		
2:00		90210 "Off the Rails" Kelly and Ryan look for Silver.		Your Money	Medium Joe's sister shows up for an unexpected visit.	VA News	Seinfeld		
2:30				America's News HQ	Kitchen Nightmares "Hannah & Mason's"	This Week in the Pentagon	Friends	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Sports
3:00		Touched by an Angel "An Angel on the Roof"		Fareed Zakaria GPS	Good Morning America	Army Newswatch	Kiana's Flex Appeal		
3:30		7th Heaven "With a Little Help From My Friends"		FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	FNG Useful benefits.	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
4:00				FOX Report	Sesame Street	Recon	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives		
4:30				State of the Union With John King	The View	The American Veteran	Paula's Home Cooking	Giada at Home	
5:00	Sports	Teletubbies		Hannity	Dr. Phil	USARJ This Week	Living Fresh	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	Baseball Tonight
5:30		Bear in the Big Blue House		Newsroom	Judge Alex	The Grill Sergeants	Mad About You	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Sports
6:00		Sesame Street		Huckabee	The King of Queens	Army Newswatch	Living Single		
6:30		Peep-Big World		60 Minutes	Access Hollywood	Downrange	Guiding Light		
7:00		Handy Manny		State of the Union With John King	Judge Judy	Recon	E! News		
7:30				FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	The Young and the Restless	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
8:00	Sports	Dora the Explorer		FOX Report	General Hospital	FNG Useful benefits.	Star Trek "Catspaw"	SportsCenter	Sports
8:30		The Upside Down Show		State of the Union With John King	Days of our Lives	Recon	Roseanne		
9:00		Raggs		Hannity	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Girlfriends "P.D.A. - D.O.A."	SportsCenter	
9:30		Aladdin		Newsroom	Wheel of Fortune	Fit For Duty	Emeril Live		
10:00		Bratz		Face the Nation	Jeopardy!	Battleground	Designers' Challenge	PGA Tour Golf Travelers Championship -- Final Round. From TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn.	Sports
10:30	Sports	Animaniacs		Newsroom	Wall Street Journal Report	Recon	The Soup		
11:00		Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!		60 Minutes	Around the Services	Fit For Duty	Man vs. Wild "Everglades" Surviving in the Everglades.		
11:30		Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!		State of the Union With John King	The Young and the Restless	Downrange	King of the Hill		
12:00	This Week	SpongeBob SquarePants		This Week in the Pentagon	Wheel of Fortune	Recon	That '70s Show		
12:30		SpongeBob SquarePants		CBS Up to the Minute	Jeopardy!	Fit For Duty	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	SportsCenter	
13:00	Meet the Press	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius		Face the Nation	Wall Street Journal Report	Recon	The Colbert Report		
13:30		WordGirl		Newsroom	Around the Services	Fit For Duty	Pushing Daisies "Water & Power"	24/7	
14:00	Wall Street Journal Report	Play With Me Sesame		Today	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Battleground	Stargate Atlantis "The Last Man"	Tennis Wimbledon -- Round of 16. From the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live)	Party Monsters: Cabo
14:30	ESPNews	LazyTown		Today	NCIS "Nine Lives" Gibbs hunts for the killer of a marine.	Recon	Ghost Whisperer "Body of Water"		
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Fit For Duty	Seinfeld "The Pilot, Part I"		Chappelle's Show
15:30		The Brady Bunch		Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Recon Revisited	Friends		The Man Show
16:00	The View	Dragons: A Fantasy Made Real			Late Show-Letterman	Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Sports
16:30		Mythical dragons.				Downrange	The Colbert Report		
17:00	Dr. Phil								
17:30									
18:00	Judge Alex	Duel Masters							
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible							
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents							
19:30	Judge Judy	Growing Up Creepie							
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana (Part 1 of 2)							
20:30		Unfabulous							
21:00	General Hospital	Smallville "Fallout"							
21:30									
22:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "17 Year Itch"							
22:30									
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven Matt takes the blame for something Mary did							
23:30									

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Yokota, Japan - Cheapest fully Loaded Nissan Brougham. Just take only 1 previous owner, clean body and interior, keyless lock, hydraulic seats, less than 50k miles, pearl white with gray upholstery interior, just changed all 4 sets of tires, 17inch chrome wheels. JVC dual din 7.5inch DVD player with iPod connectivity also plays SD card music. 1200 watt JVC subwoofer. Speaker system is original good played Kenwood high end speakers. Road tax paid. I am only selling this car because I need a van for a bigger family. Price is negotiable, includes over \$1200 worth of stereo equipment, currently parked at the lemon lot, call me and let's go for test drive - 090-1793-3079. JCI until June 2010 asking \$3200 OBO call 080-4082-9906 or email chrisnaba@gmail.com

Zama - 1994 silver Mazda Bongo Brawny van for sale. JCI good till May 2010. Road tax paid. Seats 9 people. New battery and two new tires. Nice interior. Great for shopping, kids, pets, camping, and more. Seats carousal around, fold down, and easy to take out. \$1300 or best offer. 042-868-6199, DSN 267-6199

Zama - 1994, Toyota Estima Van, maroon, 143,000K, sun-roof, great A/C, Seats 8, great family van for long road trips, road tax paid until May2010, JCI exp Sep2010 asking for \$1300, call 080-4082-9906, Contine Fern at 267-6553 or 090-3579-7126. email: bigfermpsa2002@yahoo.com

Zama - 1996 Honda CRV, very clean body/bluegreen & runs smooth low mileage 74000km/45000miles well maintained no problems a/c works real good. JCI exp Jan 2011 road tax paid \$3500. 09042470384 or 08033453841

#### Autos for Sale 141

Zama - 1996 Nissan Cedric, 4DR, silver, 115,000K, AC, keyless entry, Road tax paid, JCI expires Feb 2011, excellent condition, digital odometer, speedometer, and AC control. Asking for \$2300. OBO. Available JULY please contact Fern at 267-6553, or 09035797126, email bigfermpsa2002@yahoo.com.

Zama - 95 Nissan Primera (Infiniti G20), 48,000 km, new tires, brakes, and battery. Equipped with Japanese Navigation Device. Good A/C, no dents, and top mechanical condition. JCI until March 2011. Road tax paid. Available after 1 July. \$1200.00 John - 263-7069(W) or 263-7403 (H).

Zama-97 Nissan Cedric GT- V6 engine 77000km pearl white very good and clean condition runs great no problem road tax paid and JCI exp Jan 2011 \$3500. 09042470384 ask for JP

#### Motorcycles 164

Atsugi - 2008 Harley Davidson Street Glide Anniversary Edition. 1000 miles. JCI and road tax paid and inspection is good for two more years ABS C/C and much more. Asking \$17,750. Call DSN 315-264-4112 or CELL# 080-3531-5391

Yokota, Japan - Harley Davidson sportster 1200 XL 2003 XL 100th anniversary model with only 1,300 miles. JCI until 2010 asking \$7800 call 509-343-0732 or email ijasutton@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Yamato Virago 1100 JCI until Oct. 0909 V-Twin 1100cc, Runs Great, Shaft Drive, low maintenance. One helmet, Leather tank guard, Motorcycle cover, work manual, Great Fuel mileage, New battery, spark plugs, Oil changed \$2100.00 080-3622-3031 Cell or 1-830-522-2100 Home

#### Baby Items 200

Atsugi - Brand new in packaging 1 piece crib bedding set. Includes quilt, bumper, dust ruffle and crib sheet. The theme is "Aviator". The colors are different shades of blues, greens, yellows and whites and there are different bi-planes embroidered all around the quilt, bumper and dust ruffle. The dust ruffle is pleated, not ruffled like a little girl's would be. Originally \$150.00 selling for \$90.00. Please e-mail me if you would like pictures. Nicole, 264-7430

Yokosuka - White 5 in 1 crib with matching changing table and armchair. All offers considered. \$300. Jakeen at 246-4466 or twentyd03@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Alpha Omega Elite 3-in-1 Car seat is in great condition. Rear-facing-forward facing-boost-up to 100lbs, asking \$75 OBO Call 225-7917

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## Books 250

Yokota, Japan - Many UMUC books BMGT 380, Business law today 8th ED, Miller & Jentz \$70.00 ASTRO 100, Horizons exp universe, 10th ED, Seeds, \$35.00 HRMN 300, Human resource mgmt, 12th ED, Mathis \$80.00 PHSY 100, Physical science, 4th ED, Hewitt, \$80.00 HRMN 365, Generations @ work, Current ED, Zemke, \$15.00 Prices firm, Contact gaj222@yahoo.com or 080-4059-2674

## Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - 2 New Era NY Hats I have 2 good condition New Era NY hats. 1 is Blue W/ white Pin stripes the other is light Brown. I have only worn them a couple of times. Both are size 7 1/4 for 1 you can get it for \$15 or get both for \$30! Call Ryan 08067835117 or email rmh\_00@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - huge box filled w/ woman's clothing must sell immediately b 4 I leave. Only serious buyers call me. I have put together a huge box filled w/ really nice woman's clothing / shoes. They are all really nice. Some were never worn. Name brands: Eddie Bauer, LLENN, mossimo, Sonoma, ked, lees, Nike, and so much more. Sizes range from s, m, l, XL, maybe an xx-10, 12, 14, 16. There are clothes for all seasons, work-out attire, work clothes, and much more. This huge, heavy box-all for only \$60.00-there is a huge amount-this is a great way to save money. Either buy for yourself, or perhaps share w/ friends. (I paid \$60 for one pair of Capri's in this box, so this is truly a great deal), Angela 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Magic 32 Shoes Size 9.5 in good condition only used when going to the gym. White & Blue Asking \$20 Call 080-6783-5117 or email rmh\_00@hotmail.com

## Computers 360

Sasebo - computer games for sale. Will MPS anywhere. The games are Windows/Mac compatible and hardly used. The games are Call of Duty World at War, and modern warfare, Warcraft 2, Grand Theft Auto, Need for speed underground, flight simulator game, just to name a few. There are about thirty games in all. Will sell separately or all together. Please call or email for a full list or any questions. DSN 315-252-8131 or cell 080-3567-7311 or email jonessbrandon@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Dell Inspiron mini laptop excellent condition only used once. 1GB memory and 160GB hard drive. Windows XP and Intel Atom Processor asking \$380 If you are interested or you have questions please email lily481@hotmail.com or call 3145583409

Yokota, Japan - HP 22in Flat screen Monitor Used about 2 months then computer crashed, bought a MAC so I have no use for it now. Asking \$200 Contact gaj222@yahoo.com or 080-4059-2674

## Furniture 510

Yokosuka-Toddler bed set "Thomas the Train" with reusable wall stickers. New still in original packaging. \$45 Jokeen@246-8466 or tweetyd03@yahoo.com

## Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota Japan - Air conditioner, CHOFU Sereno Energy Efficient. Japanese Remote bought for \$1200 2 years ago. Sell for \$400. Please call Jaimee 090-8915-4154 or email jaimmeet82@gmail.com

## Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - large bag filled w/ great kitchen items must sell now! I have put together a huge, heavy bag filled w/ different kitchen items that I never used, used just a few times, or have had for a long time, but kept in great shape. This bag includes brand names: le Cresset, OXO, Tupperware, pampered chef, and much, much more! This whole bag is priced to sell immediately \$35 for all-amazing deal. So sorry, I do not have any pictures. Serious buyers please call me 916-473-4488. If I'm not home, please leave your name w/ good contact number so I may return your call. Thank you.

Yokota, Japan - really nice full/queen bedding set this set was taken excellent care of, very clean, was taken to the cleaners. I am willing to accept 2 payments, if need be-asking \$160. Must sell b 4 I leave. I think this set is really nice. It has the natural, neutral browns w/ an accent of soft blue. Chemically-treated trim will match about any decor. It will include: comforter, best fit sheet set, decorative pillows, bed skirt, extra soft blanket, set of 2 curtain panels, set of 2 curtain tie backs, valance, set of 2 shams, and much more. Curtains can be hung on curtain rod, or on sliders. Really nice set only serious buyers please call me 916-473-4488. Must sell immediately if not home, please leave message. Thank you.

## Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - DS games and Xbox 360 game Ds games \$8.00 each. Teenage Mutant Ninja turtles Nickelodeon Danny Phantom Urban Jungle Xbox 360 game \$15.00 Cars Mater National Championship Call 407-373-1327 or email kristlehan@yahoo.com

## Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - Sony 29" TV (Japanese) works perfectly fine. Selling because we are buying a newer TV Stand available (for free) if you need one asking \$75 OBO Call 225-7917

Yokota, Japan - Toshiba Black DVD player for sale! Remote and batteries included but the cover on the back of the remote for the batteries is missing. DVD player is in good shape asking \$40 Please email lilred6290@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Xbox 360 games wanted. I want to buy: left 4 dead \$30 halo 3 \$30 dead space \$25 halo 1 \$10 halo 2 \$10 all games must be a good condition please, no scratches, soda stains, I would like to have the orig. cases also, don't really care about the booklets. Call 314-558-3431 or email md\_carey@hotmail.com

## Jewelry 610

Yokota, Japan - Shane Co Men's Bracelet Stainless Steel 14K It has never been worn and is in good condition it was just too big for me. (8") Asking \$40 Call 080-6783-5117 or email rmh\_00@hotmail.com



## Musical Instruments 740

Yokota, Japan - Ovation acoustic/electric guitar w/Ovation Hard case Ovation Pinnacle model: CU-147 w/Ovation hard case 6-String Acoustic/Electric Body Type: Mid-Depth Cutaway Top: AA Grade Solid Sitka Spruce Bracing: A-Brace Scale Length: Scale: 25 1/4 Fret board: Dark Rosewood Fret Inlay: Abalone Dot Inlays Bridge: Walnut Rosette: Abalone Pickup: Ovation Thin line Nut width: 1 11/16 Machines: Gold with Pearl Buttons Great guitar would like to purchase another electric. Asking \$450 Call 090-8054-5806 or email steelcity75@hotmail.com

## Outdoor Living 775

Yokota, Japan - Back yard Fence for East side guard house for the end units, great condition-come and see it-4529 E-you have to remove and transfer it. Asking \$700 Please call-407-373-1352 or email eacd@mac.com

## Pets 820

Yokota - Free - Foster kittens in need of a loving and PERMANENT home. There are 5 males and one female, many colors to choose from. If interested please email Teresa at harris6302@yahoo.com or call 042-537-3449

Yokota, Japan - 10 Month old kitty needs love my husband is going on Deployment and I don't have a lot of time to give to our cat. She is up to date on shots and has been fixed and microchipped Comes with a bunch of toys, cat condo, scratch in post bed, litter box, plenty of food and treats please email ms\_lulu\_84@yahoo.com we have plenty of pictures

## Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - 3yr Old Female Beagle Very loving and great with kids, house broken, loves to go for long walks and run, will also run along side of a bike. Micro chipped, and shots up to date as of last week. 4 month old daughter has allergies Asking \$200 Call 6237349658 or email kbernard@armed-svc.com

Yokota, Japan - 7 Month Old Great Pyrenees Beautiful Dog, housebroken, will be very large breed he is about 70lbs now, will be about 31-33inches tall, 120-150+ lbs, very laid back. Needs very responsible owner that will walk him everyday missing a walk is very bad for your stuff paid \$1600 off base. Daughter has allergies Asking \$1300 Call 6237349658 or email kbernard@armed-svc.com

Yokota, Japan - 7months Pure Breed Yorkie needing a new home. Love people and well trained. Asking \$800 OBO Call 1-773-634-7758 or email cmfrith28@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 8 week old Yorkie mix Recently new in potty training and looking for a new home. Asking \$400 Call 1-773-634-7758 or email cmfrith28@yahoo.com

Zama / SHA / Kanagawa - 3 y/o male tabby cat free to good home. Shots & vaccines up to date and house trained. Better in a house where theres no other pets. Contact Tricia or CJ at DSN PHONE: 267-6329 / 046-407-6329

## Photography 830

Yokota, Japan - brand new touch screen 10.4" digital frame great gift for your love ones! Brand New Never Been Opened in Box! 1024x768 High Resolution LCD Capture pictures and video store in or simply plug your memory card and play!! Comes with interchangeable frames - Silver and Black-fits all home décor With Touch screen Technology, turn photo album into pages. Stores up to 2000 Images with 512 MB Internal Memory Copy your photos directly from your digital camera, memory card or PC. Clock, Calendar, Alarm and Programmable On/Off Wireless and Blue Tooth Compatibility Make an offer! Call 702-946-5985 or email liezel121603@yahoo.com

## Sporting Goods 980

Misawa - New Callaway FT Iron Set, Right Handed, #4 through Pitching Wedge. Have not been hit yet. \$1169 new, only asking \$750.00. call 09036979711.

## Miscellaneous 1040

Vacation Resort for \$950/week. I'm in Iraq and cannot stay in our timeshare this year. Don't stay in a hotel for \$150/night. Stay in a 2Bdr+livingroom in MyrtleBeach. Or pay the \$150 exchange fee and stay anywhere around the world. D a v i d . Wayne100@yahoo.com

## Miscellaneous 1040

Yokota, Japan - DVD Movies- \$3.50 each or all for \$35: First Daughter w/ Katie Holmes The Patriot, extended cut w/ Mel Gibson Barbie & the Nutcracker Ladder 49 w/ Joaquin Phoenix & John Travolta Fantastic 4-part 1 Fantastic 4-PART 2 Akeelah & the Bee Like Mike (kids basketball movie) Storm Cell (new release) Iron Man We Were Soldiers music CD's-\$2.50 each or all for \$8.00: Another Cinderella Story Soundtrack Ladder 49 Soundtrack Now 25 Disney Channel Holiday Disney Jump-In Soundtrack Must go now. Call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Huge boxes w/ Scrapbooking/organizers I am willing to accept 2 payments, if need be. Must sell immediately b 4 I leave. I am asking \$260 for all-firm. This is a huge set I have put together! I just put together 2-huge boxes filled w/ misc. scrapbooks, extra scrapbook pages, scrapbooking items (papers, stickers, cutters and much, much more), purple cow arts-n-crafts set w/ accessories, tons and tons of different storage items-great for scrapbooking, or use the storage containers for organizing different areas in your home, rolling organizers, and much, much, much more. I ask that only serious buyers contact me. If I am not home, please leave a message 916-473-4488.

Yokota, Japan - Yard Sale 14 & 21 June 2009 Rain or sun 09:00 Girls/Boys Clothing items 2-6 inflatable pool w slide-almost new toys children's book arts and craft / scrap book items Japanese humidifier (the best in market) DVDs Candle Accessories from Yankee Candles furniture handmade Turkish jewelry costume jewelry kids/toddler winter jackets from LL Bean/Land's End and more. Great items Call-407-373-1352 or email eacd@mac.com

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## SCOREBOARD

## Sport on AFN

## Monday

**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**—Tennis: Wimbledon, Day 7.

**AFN-Atlantic, 3 a.m.**—Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup, Lenox Industrial Tools 301.

**AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.**—Soccer: Confederations Cup, championship, U.S. men vs. Brazil.

**AFN-Xtra, 5 a.m.**—MLB: L.A. Angels at Arizona.

**AFN-Sports, 5:30 a.m.**—MLB: Seattle at L.A. Dodgers (joined in progress).

**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**—Drag racing: NHRA Summer Racing Equipment Nationals.

**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—MLB: N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets.

**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—MLB: Houston at Los Angeles.

**AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.**—MLB: Cincinnati at Cleveland (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.**—Golf: PGA Tour, Travelers Championship, final round (dld).

**AFN-Xtra, 4:30 p.m.**—Soccer: Confederations Cup, championship, U.S. men vs. Brazil (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.**—Tennis: Wimbledon, Day 8.

## Tuesday

**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**—Tennis: Wimbledon, Day 8.

**AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.**—MLB: N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee.

**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**—MLB: Chicago White Sox at Cleveland.

**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—MLB: Colorado at L.A. Dodgers.

**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—MLB: L.A. Angels at Texas (dld).

**AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.**—Tennis: Wimbledon, women's singles quarterfinals.

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## Pro basketball

## WNBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	5	2	.714	—
Washington	4	2	.667	½
Chicago	4	3	.571	1
Atlanta	4	4	.500	1½
Connecticut	3	3	.500	1½
New York	2	5	.286	3
Detroit	1	5	.167	3½

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	6	2	.750	—
Phoenix	5	3	.667	½
Minnesota	5	3	.625	1
San Antonio	3	3	.500	2
Los Angeles	2	5	.286	3½
Sacramento	1	6	.143	4½

## Thursday's games

Phoenix 93, Washington 87

## Friday's games

Atlanta 96, Detroit 86

Indiana 82, New York 81, OT

San Antonio 62, Sacramento 52

Seattle 69, Los Angeles 67

## Saturday's games

New York at Indiana

Atlanta at Connecticut

Washington at Chicago

Phoenix at Minnesota

## Sunday's Games

Sacramento at Detroit

Seattle at Los Angeles

## AP spotlight

## June 29

**1906** — Alex Smith shoots a record 295 to beat brother Willie in the U.S. Open.

**1912** — Betty Jameson wins the U.S. Women's Open by six strokes over amateurs Sally Sessions and Rolly Riley.

**1952** — Louise Suggs beats Betty Jameson and Marlene Bauer by seven strokes to win the U.S. Women's Open.

**1956** — Charles Dumas becomes the first high jumper to clear 7 feet, jumping 7 feet, 5-8 inches in the U.S. Olympic trials at Los Angeles.

**1957** — Jackie Pung loses the U.S. Women's Open when she turns in an incorrect scorecard. Betsy Rawls is declared the winner.

**1969** — Donna Caponi beats Peggy Wilson by one stroke to win the U.S. Women's Open.

**1990** — Dave Stewart of the Oakland A's pitches the first of two no-hitters on this day, beating the Toronto Blue Jays 5-0. Fernando Valenzuela of the Los Angeles Dodgers duplicates Stewart's feat, throwing a 6-0 no-hitter against the St. Louis Cardinals. It's the first time in major league history that two no-hitters are pitched in the two leagues on the same day.

**1991** — Britain's Nick Brown scores a big upset at Wimbledon, beating 10th-seeded Goran Ivanisevic 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 in the second round. Brown, at 591 the lowest-ranked player in the men's championship, posts the biggest upset, based on comparative rankings, since the ATP began compiling world rankings in 1973.

**1994** — Martina Navratilova sets a Wimbledon record, playing her 266th career match at the All England Club. Navratilova passes Billie Jean King's record of 265 when she and Manon Bollegraf beat Ingelisa Driehuis and Maja Murić 6-4, 6-2 in a doubles quarterfinal.

## Auto racing

## Lenox Industrial Tools 301 lineup

**NASCAR Sprint Cup**  
At New Hampshire Motor Speedway  
Loudon, N.H.

**Lap length: 1.058 miles**  
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

2. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

3. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

4. (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, Owner Points.

5. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, Owner Points.

6. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

7. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, Owner Points.

8. (6) Greg Biffle, Ford, Owner Points.

9. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, Owner Points.

10. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, Owner Points.

11. (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

12. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

13. (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, Owner Points.

14. (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, Owner Points.

15. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

16. (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

17. (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, Owner Points.

18. (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, Owner Points.

19. (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, Owner Points.

20. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, Owner Points.

21. (07) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

22. (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, Owner Points.

23. (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, Owner Points.

24. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, Owner Points.

25. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

26. (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, Owner Points.

27. (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, Owner Points.

28. (96) Bobby Labonte, Ford, Owner Points.

29. (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, Owner Points.

30. (44) AJ Allmendinger, Dodge, Owner Points.

31. (6) David Ragan, Ford, Owner Points.

32. (12) David Stremme, Dodge, Owner Points.

33. (98) Paul Menard, Ford, Owner Points.

## Golf

## Travelers Championship

**PGA Tour**  
**Saturday**  
At TPC River Highlands  
Cromwell, Conn.

**Purse: \$6 million**  
**Yardage: 6,837; Par: 72**  
**Completed Second Round**

Kenny Perry	61-68-129	-11
David Toms	65-65-130	-10
Ryan Moore	66-65-131	-9
Paul Goydos	63-68-131	-9
Aaron Watkins	65-67-132	-8
Colt Knost	66-66-132	-8
Anthony Kim	66-66-132	-8
Ben Curtis	68-64-132	-8
John Merrick	65-67-132	-8
Casey Wittenberg	67-65-132	-8
Chez Reavie	66-67-133	-7
Michael Allen	68-65-133	-7
Kyle Stanley	66-67-133	-7
Bryce Molder	67-66-133	-7
Trid Ridings	64-69-133	-7
Spencer Levin	64-69-133	-7
Chris Riley	67-67-134	-6
Kevin Streelman	68-66-134	-6
Mathew Goggins	65-69-134	-6
D.J. Trahan	66-68-134	-6
Bubba Watson	66-68-134	-6
Jarrod Lyle	67-67-134	-6
Kris Blanks	68-66-134	-6
Johnson Wagner	66-68-134	-6
Brian Gay	66-68-134	-6

## Wegman's LPGA

**Saturday**  
At Locust Hill Country Club  
Pittsford, N.Y.

**Purse: \$2 million**  
**Yardage: 6,328; Par: 72**  
**Completed Second Round**  
**a-amateur**

Jiyai Shin	65-68-133	-11
Morgan Pressel	68-66-134	-10
Stacy Lewis	68-67-135	-9
Kristy McPherson	67-69-136	-8
Michelle Wie	69-68-137	-7
Mindy Kim	69-68-137	-7
Sandra Gal	64-73-137	-7
Sun Young Yoo	71-67-138	-6
Jennifer Rosales	69-69-138	-6
Brittany Lang	73-66-139	-5
Meaghan Francella	71-68-139	-5
Lindsey Wright	71-68-139	-5
Sarah Kemp	69-70-139	-5
Cristie Kerr	75-65-140	-4
Alena Sharp	70-70-140	-4
Se Ri Pak	69-71-140	-4
AI Miyazato	72-69-141	-3
Carri Wood	71-70-141	-3
Anna Greben	70-71-141	-3
Amanda Blumenherst	70-71-141	-3
Ji Young Oh	69-72-141	-3
Mika Miyazato	69-72-141	-3
Na Yeon Choi	69-72-141	-3
Michelle Kim	69-72-141	-3
Karen Stupples	69-72-141	-3

## TANK McNAMARA



## Soccer

## Confederations Cup

## SEMIFINALS

**Wednesday, June 24**  
At Bloemfontein, South Africa

United States 2, Spain 0

**Thursday, June 25**  
At Johannesburg

Brazil 1, South Africa 0

**THIRD PLACE**  
**Sunday, June 28**  
At Rustenburg, South Africa

Spain vs. South Africa

**FINAL**  
**Sunday, June 28**  
At Johannesburg

United States vs. Brazil

## MLS

## Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	5	3	8	23	25	24
Chicago	5	3	6	21	21	19
Kansas City	5	5	4	19	19	17
Columbus	4	3	7	19	20	20
Toronto FC	5	5	4	19	21	22
Colorado	4	4	4	16	15	20
New England	2	10	4	10	14	25

## Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	8	2	4	28	20	9
Chivas USA	8	4	3	27	19	12
Seattle	5	3	7	22	21	15
Los Angeles	2	5	20	14	16	17
Real Salt Lake	4	6	4	16	19	17
Los Angeles	2	3	9	15	16	18
FC Dallas	3	7	4	13	17	23
San Jose	3	8	3	12	17	27

**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

## Wednesday's games

Toronto FC 2, New York 0  
Colorado 1, FC Dallas 1, tie

## Saturday's games

New York at Columbus  
Toronto FC at Real Salt Lake

## Sunday's games

Colorado at Seattle FC  
Houston at Los Angeles

## Friday, July 3

San Jose at Real Salt Lake

## WPS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	9	1	4	31	19	5
Boston	5	4	3	18	14	13
Washington	4	4	4	16	17	19
Saint Louis	4	5	2	14	9	11
Sky Blue FC	3	5	3	12	7	9
FC Gold Pride	2	6	3	11	17	11
Chicago	2	6	5	11	11	11

**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

## Wednesday's games

Boston 1, Washington 0  
Los Angeles 2, Saint Louis 1

## Saturday's game

Chicago at Los Angeles

## Sunday's game

Saint Louis at Sky Blue FC

## Dick's Sporting Goods Open

## Champions Tour

**Saturday**  
At En-Joie Golf Course  
Encinitas, N.Y.

**Purse: \$1.65 million**  
**Yardage: 6,67; Par: 72 (37-35)**  
**Completed First Round**

Fred Funk	33-31-64	-8
Jay Haas	35-31-66	-6
Lonnie Nielsen	35-31-66	-6
Jeff Roth	33-33-66	-6
Tom Kite	33-34-67	-5
D.A. Weirberg	33-34-67	-5
Andy Bean	33-34-67	-5
Gary Hallberg	34-33-67	-5
Mike Hulbert	33-34-67	-5

## BMW International Open

## PGA European Tour

**Saturday**  
At Golfclub Munchen Eichenried  
Munich

**Purse: \$2.8 million**  
**Yardage: 7,025; Par: 72 (36-36)**  
**Third Round, leading scores**

Retief Goosen, South Africa	64-68-67-199
Bernhard Langer, Germany	68-68-65-201
Nick Dougherty, England	69-65-68-202
David Drysdale, Scotland	70-64-68-202
James Kingston, South Africa	67-69-67-203
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	68-65-70-203

## Deals

## Friday's transactions

## BASEBALL

**IBF—Banned Kansas City RHP Sidney Ponson** from international competition for two years for testing positive for stimulant during the World Baseball Classic.

## Major League Baseball

**MLB—Suspended Boston hitting coach Dave Magadan** for one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for inappropriate actions during a game on June 24 against Washington. Suspended RHP Johan Romero (N.Y. Mets) for 50 games for testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance, in violation of the minor league drug prevention and treatment program.

## American League

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed RHP Kyle Farnsworth** on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Bruce Chen from Omaha (PCL).

**SEATTLE MARINERS—Activated C Kenji Johjima** from the 15-day DL. Designated C Jarrod Burke for assignment.

**TAMPA BAY RAYS—Activated LHP Scott Kazmir** and RHP Chad Bradford from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Andy Sonnanstine to Durham (IL). Designated RHP Winston Abreu for assignment.

**TEXAS RANGERS—Activated RHP Willie Eyre** from the 6



## Wimbledon

# U.S teen raises a racket

## Qualifier, 17, shocks ex-No. 1 Jankovic in a three-setter

By STEVEN WINE  
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — When American teenager Melanie Oudin concluded the biggest match of her life Saturday at Wimbledon, she had trouble finding the exit on cozy Court 3.

Still learning her way around the All England Club, Oudin, 17, made it into the fourth round. The qualifier from Marietta, Ga., pulled off the upset of the week by beating former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic, 6-7 (8), 7-5, 6-2.

"I was just thinking that she was any other player," Oudin said, "and this was any other match, and I was at any other tournament — not like on the biggest stage at Wimbledon. I think I handled it really well."

The sixth-seeded Jankovic struggled with the heat on a sunny, 82-degree afternoon, and took a 12-minute break after the first set. She was hampered by erratic groundstrokes. Oudin played solidly down the stretch and swept the final three games.

Oudin gives downtrodden U.S. tennis a boost by joining the Williams sisters in the round of 16. "Super good news," said Venus Williams, who beat Carla Suarez Navarro 6-0, 6-4.

One U.S. player reached the men's round of 16 — two-time runner-up Andy Roddick. He hit the last of his 33 aces on match point to beat friend Jurgen Melzer 7-6 (2), 7-6 (2), 4-6, 6-3. The No. 6-seeded Roddick is 22-3 in tiebreakers this year, and he improved to 9-0 against Melzer. Roddick's opponent Monday will be No. 20 Tomas Berdych, who eliminated No. 12 Nikolay Davydenko 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

American Jesse Levine's best run in a major came to an end. The last qualifier in the men's draw, Levine faced 23 break points and lost to No. 19 Stanislas Wawrinka 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3. Wawrinka will next play No. 3 Andy Murray, seeking to become the first British man to win Wimbledon since 1936. He defeated No. 30 Viktor Troicki 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

Unseeded Lleyton Hewitt, the 2002 champion, reached the fourth round for the sixth year in a row by beating Philipp Petzschner 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Oudin wasn't the only teen to make a splash on the final day of the first week. Unseeded Sabine Lisicki, 19, of Germany upset No. 5 Svetlana Kuznetsova, the French Open champion, 6-2, 7-5.

No. 9-seeded Caroline Wozniacki, 18, made the fourth round for the first time by beating No. 20 Anabel Medina Garrigues 6-2, 6-2. No. 11 Agnieszka Radwanska earned a chance to play Oudin by beating No. 19 Li Na 6-4, 7-5.



ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

**Melanie Oudin, a 17-year-old qualifier from the United States, gets a big charge out of winning a point against Serbia's Jelena Jankovic on Saturday. Oudin stunned the world's former No. 1 player 6-7 (8), 7-5, 6-2 to reach the fourth round at Wimbledon**

Top-ranked Dinara Safina, enjoying her best Wimbledon, beat Kirsten Flipkens 7-5, 6-1.

Oudin (pronounced oo-DAN) arrived in London with an 0-2 record in Grand Slam matches, and she had to win three qualifying matches to make Wimbledon's main draw for the first time. She's ranked 124th in the world and will crack the top 100 for the first time after the tournament.

Facing a top-10 opponent for the first time, Oudin wore down Jankovic in an ar-

duous first set. The teen failed to convert four set points, committing an unforced error each time. But when the 66-minute set ended, it was Jankovic who appeared on the ropes.

A trainer and doctor came on court to check Jankovic's pulse and blood pressure. She rested on a towel while being treated, and after several minutes sat up while ice was applied to her neck and midsection.

Jankovic later said she was ailing in part because of "woman problems."

"It's not easy being a woman, you know, sometimes," Jankovic said. "After the first set, I felt really dizzy, and I thought that I was just going to end up in the hospital. I started to shake. I was losing my, how you say, consciousness."

The Serb has struggled all year to regain the form that made her the U.S. Open runner-up in 2008. The match turned when Oudin overcame a 5-4 deficit in the second set. She repeatedly won points with drop shots, punctuating winners with shouts of "Come on!" The teen smacked a forehand winner on the final point, then raised her arms with glee.

Williams, a five-time Wimbledon champ, took charge against the 34th-ranked Suarez Navarro, winning the first eight games. Williams, playing with a strap on her left leg for the second match in a row, avenged a loss to Suarez Navarro in the second round at the Australian Open in January.

Bidding for her third consecutive Wimbledon title, the No. 3-seeded Williams next will play 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic, who beat 2009 Roland Garros semifinalist Samantha Stosur 7-5, 6-2.

No. 17-seeded Amelie Mauresmo, the 2006 Wimbledon champion, defeated No. 15 Flavia Pennetta 7-5, 6-3. No. 24 Tommy Haas and No. 29 Igor Andreev won matches suspended by darkness. Haas defeated Marin Cilic 7-5, 7-5, 1-6, 6-7 (3), 10-8, and Andreev beat Andreas Seppi 6-1, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (5).

**Cheyenne Woods, Tiger Woods' 18-year-old niece, shot a 2-over-par 74 in the second round Saturday and missed the cut in the Wegmans LPGA.**



## Golf roundup

# Tiger's niece misses cut in pro debut

The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Cheyenne Woods, the niece of Tiger Woods, missed the cut in her professional golf debut, shooting a 2-over 74 in the second round of the storm-disrupted Wegmans LPGA.

Woods and 70 other players completed their second rounds at the tricky Locust Hill course in suburban Rochester on Saturday morning after play was interrupted by thunderstorms for nearly five hours Friday.

Woods, 18, finished at 5-over 149 — four strokes above the cut line.

"I could have made a couple more birdies — or not as many bogeys — but I'm happy," said Woods, who competed on a sponsor exemption. "Three more years at Wake Forest and then hopefully I'll be back out here."

Morgan Pressel picked up two birdies to finish second at 10 under, one behind Jiyai Shin. Stacy Lewis was third at 9 under, one better than Kristy McPherson. Michelle Wie, Mindy Kim and Germany's Sandra Gal, the first-round leader, were tied at 7 under. Defending champion Eun-Hee Ji managed only a 71 and crashed out with a 7-over total.

**PGA Tour:** At Cromwell, Conn., David Toms finished a second-round 65 to move within a stroke of leader Kenny Perry as play resumed Saturday at the Travelers Championship.

Toms was at 8 under Friday when the round was stopped because of severe thunderstorms.

He birdied two of the five holes he played Saturday morning.

Perry had finished his round when the rains came Friday, following an opening-round 61 with a 68 to go 11 under.

Ben Curtis also made a strong move Saturday, finishing a second-round-best 64 to move into a tie for fifth place.

The tournament's third round was scheduled to start later Saturday.

**European Tour:** At Munich, Retief Goosen of South Africa shot a 5-under 67 Saturday to lead by two strokes after the third round of the BMW International Open.

The two-time U.S. Open champion totaled 17-under 199 at Golfclub Munchen Eichenried. Goosen hasn't won on the European Tour since early 2007.

Bernhard Langer of Germany (65) was second. Nick Dougherty of England (68) and David Drysdale of Scotland (68) were at 202.

Colin Montgomerie extended his European Tour record for holes-in-one to nine after nailing the 156-yard 8th hole. The European Ryder Cup captain shot 72 and trails by 14 strokes.

**Champions Tour:** At Eddicott, N.Y., Fred Funk held on to the first-round lead at the Dick's Sporting Goods Open. Funk shot an 8-under 64 on Friday, but a four-hour rain delay prevented 24 players from completing the round until Saturday morning.

Jeff Roth was one of them, and he finished at 6 under to tie Jay Haas and Lonnie Nielsen for second. Tom Kite, D.A. Weibring, Gary Hallberg, Andy Bean and Mike Hulbert were tied for fifth at 5 under.

## Scoreboard

### Saturday

At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club  
Wimbledon, England  
Purse: \$20.5 million (Grand Slam)  
Surface: Grass-Outdoor  
Singles

#### Men

##### Third Round

Igor Andreev (29), Russia, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-1, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (5).  
Tomas Berdych (20), Czech Republic, def. Nikolay Davydenko (12), Russia, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.  
Tommy Haas (24), Germany, def. Marin Cilic (11), Croatia, 7-5, 7-5, 1-6, 6-7 (3), 10-8.  
Radek Stepanek (23), Czech Republic, def. David Ferrer (16), Spain, 7-5, 7-5, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4.  
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-3.  
Andy Roddick (6), United States, def. Jurgen Melzer (26), Austria, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (2), 4-6, 6-3.  
Stanislas Wawrinka (19), Switzerland, def. Jesse Levine, United States, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.  
Gilles Simon (8), France, def. Victor Hanescu (31), Romania, 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.  
Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Viktor Troicki (30), Serbia, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.  
Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Fernando Gonzalez (10), Chile, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

#### Women

##### Third Round

Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, def. Samantha Stosur (18), Australia, 7-5, 6-2.  
Caroline Wozniacki (9), Denmark, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues (20), Spain, 6-2, 6-2.  
Venus Williams (3), United States, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-0, 6-4.  
Melanie Oudin, United States, def. Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, 6-7 (8), 7-5, 6-2.  
Amelie Mauresmo (17), France, def. Flavia Pennetta (15), Italy, 7-5, 6-3.  
Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (5), Russia, 6-2, 7-5.  
Agnieszka Radwanska (11), Poland, def. Li Na (19), China, 6-4, 7-5.  
Dinara Safina (1), Russia, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 7-5, 6-1.



## Sports briefs

# NFL asks Supreme Court to grant it wider latitude

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the legal equivalent of running up the score, the NFL is going to the Supreme Court in search of a bigger victory in an antitrust tussle over team merchandise than it already won from a lower court.

The Supreme Court could decide as early as Monday whether it will hear the case, which involves American Needle Inc.'s challenge to the league's exclusive contract for selling headwear such as caps and hats with team logos on them. American Needle, of Buffalo Grove, Ill., also is urging high court review. Football team owners hope the high court will issue a broader decision that would insulate the NFL against costly, frivolous antitrust lawsuits.

At the heart of the matter is whether the NFL's teams constitute 32 distinct businesses or a single entity that can act collectively without running afoul of antitrust laws.

The case is important to other professional sports besides football. The NBA and the NHL filed friend-of-the-court briefs siding with the NFL.

Notably absent is Major League Baseball, which has an antitrust exemption dating back to a 1922 Supreme Court ruling.

In other NFL news:  
■ Commissioner Roger Goodell has started his review of the Plaxico Burress shooting incident under the league's personal conduct policy.

The league confirmed that Goodell was examining the incident in which Burress shot himself in the thigh in late November in a New York City nightclub. The commissioner could suspend him if he finds that the receiver violated NFL rules governing personal conduct.

Burress still faces charges of criminal possession of a weapon. He would face up to 3½ years in prison if convicted.

■ Former Cleveland Browns receiver Joe Jurevicius sued the team and the Cleveland Clinic on Friday, saying the team misrepresented the cleanliness of its training facility and blaming doctors with negligence over a staph infection in his right knee that

kept him from playing last year.

The lawsuit alleges that physicians Anthony Miniaci and Richard Figler failed to warn Jurevicius that therapy equipment was not always sanitized at the team's training facility in suburban Berea.

## You're outta here! Piniella sends Cubs' Bradley home

CHICAGO — Milton Bradley's temper tantrum was one too many for Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella.

Piniella told the mercurial slugger to go home Friday afternoon after Bradley threw his helmet and went after a water cooler following a fly out in the top of the sixth inning of the Cubs' game against the crosstown rival White Sox. Piniella told him to take his uniform off, and the two exchanged words in the tunnel leading up to the Cubs clubhouse.

"I don't like those things to happen, but I'm just tired of watching it," an agitated Piniella said after the Cubs' 5-4 victory. "This has been a common occurrence, and I've looked the other way a lot and I'm tired. I'm not into discipline, I'm really not. I'm going to put his name in the lineup tomorrow and that's it."

Piniella didn't get specific about whether he was tired of Bradley's antics in particular or those of his entire team. Pitchers Carlos Zambrano and Ryan Dempster both went after the drink dispenser in the Cubs dugout at Wrigley Field earlier this season.

Also:

■ The Houston Astros designated right-hander Brandon Backe for assignment to open a roster spot for righty Felipe Paulino.

Backe missed most of spring training and the first month of the season with a rib cage injury, and has appeared in just five games with one start this season. The Astros have 10 days to trade him, waive him or send him outright to the minors.

■ Major League Baseball told an umpiring crew Friday that it mistakenly went to a video review the previous night on a ball hit by Tampa Bay's Pat Burrell that bounced into the stands at Tropicana Field.

It was the first time since baseball began using replay last August that the system was incorrectly employed. There have been 23 calls reviewed this year, and eight of them were reversed.

Replay is to be used only on potential home runs involving boundary calls — was the ball fair or foul, did it clear the wall, was there fan interference?

■ The New York Yankees' Xavier Nady reinjured his elbow and appears headed for season-ending surgery.

Nady felt pain when making a throw during a rehab assignment at Triple-A Scranton on Thursday night. Yankees manager Joe Girardi said on Friday that Nady walked off the field in the fifth inning, two innings after feeling pain.

The outfielder has been sidelined since injuring the elbow on April 14 at Tampa Bay.

■ A 34-year-old man fell headfirst from the upper deck at Busch Stadium on to the concourse below before the St. Louis Cardinals played the Minnesota Twins on Friday night.

Chris Hoffman of O'Fallon, Ill., was taken to a hospital for observation. Joe Walsh, director of stadium operations, said Hoffman was being treated for an injury to his left shoulder, a gash to his face and assorted bumps and bruises.

Witnesses said it appeared the man fainted in the 92-degree heat, although the team said it was unclear whether the fall was related to the weather. Walsh said the fan fell on to an empty seat after grazing a nearby female fan.

## Molitor beats Ruiz in super bantam eliminator

RAMA, Ontario — Steve Molitor outpointed Mexico's Heriberto Ruiz on Friday night to win the IBF super bantamweight title eliminator.

Molitor, a former world champion, beat Ruiz (41-8-2, 8 KOs) at Casino Rama to move into the vacant number two spot for the IBF crown.

Harry Davis scored the fight 116-112 in favor of Ruiz, Kelly Zolnierczyk had it 116-112 for Mo-

litor, and Benoit Roussel scored it 116-112 for Molitor.

## Nationwide series goes to double-file restarts

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The Nationwide series will emulate the top NASCAR circuit by using double-file restarts with the leaders at the front throughout races, beginning with the event at Daytona International Speedway on July 3.

Just as the Sprint Cup series has moved away from having lapped cars next to the lead cars on restarts, the Nationwide drivers will line up according to the standings for restarts.

## Judge orders golfer Daly to pay legal fees

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Professional golfer John Daly was ordered to pay almost \$272,000 in legal fees for his unsuccessful libel lawsuit against The Florida Times-Union.

Duval County Circuit Judge Hugh Carithers ordered Daly to pay \$263,088 in attorney's fees, plus costs of \$8,675.99 and 8 percent interest rate per year until it is paid.

Carithers dismissed the lawsuit in March. He ruled that former columnist Mike Freeman's statements in a 2005 column were either true or constitutionally protected opinion.

## Shaq goes back to No. 33

CLEVELAND — Shaquille O'Neal hasn't picked out a house in Cleveland yet. He has chosen a jersey number — his old one.

Shaq is going back to No. 33. Traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday, the 15-time All-Star has decided to wear 33, the team confirmed Friday. That's the number O'Neal wore in high school and at LSU before turning pro. O'Neal wore No. 32 when he was in Orlando and while he played for the Los Angeles Lakers, Miami and Phoenix.

## Reinsdorf's group submits \$148 million offer for Coyotes

PHOENIX — A group led by Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf has offered to buy the Phoenix Coy-

otes for \$148 million and keep the team in Arizona.

The offer, submitted in bankruptcy court documents on Friday afternoon, is \$64.5 million less than the bid by Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie, who wants to move the franchise to Southern Ontario.

In other NHL news:

■ Ten-time All-Star Teemu Selanne decided to play another season with the Anaheim Ducks.

Selanne's decision, announced by the Ducks on Saturday, came a day after defenseman Scott Niedermayer, who turns 36 in August, told the team he's coming back. Selanne turns 39 next week.

Selanne is the Ducks' career scoring leader with 352 goals.

■ The Calgary Flames acquired smooth-skating defenseman Jay Bouwmeester on Saturday, just four days before he would become eligible to become an unrestricted free agent.

The Flames sent defenseman Jordan Leopold and a third-round pick in Saturday's NHL entry draft to the Florida Panthers to complete the deal.

■ Minnesota traded its fourth- and fifth-round picks to Edmonton for center Kyle Brodziak.

The 25-year-old Brodziak had 27 points in 79 games for the Oilers last season. The 6-foot-2 Alberta native had career highs of 14 goals and 17 assists in 80 games with Edmonton in 2007-08.

## Rogers wins 100 in U.S. track and field championships

EUGENE, Ore. — Mike Rodgers sped down the track in 9.91 seconds to win the 100-meter dash in the U.S. track and field championships on Friday, and served up an early taste of what the next generation of great American sprinters might look like. He beat veteran Darvis Patton by .01 second.

In the women's race, Carmelita Jeter outleaned Muna Lee at the finish to beat her by one-thousandth of a second for her first national title. Jeter finished in 10.776 seconds. Lauryn Williams took third to round out the world championship squad bound for Berlin later this summer.

## USFJ-AFL

# Guild's interceptions, Fortson's TDs have Yokota on roll

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Thanks to two interceptions by Frederick Guild and two touchdowns by Kevin Fortson, the Yokota Warriors are on a two-game roll in the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League.

Fortson ran for TDs of 5 and 80 yards, and Guild continued his run of interceptions, now seven in two games, and the Warriors (2-3) withstood a late rally by Torii Station (0-5) for a 12-6 victory Saturday at Yokota High School's

Bonk Field.

"I should have had one more," said Guild, who dropped two potential interceptions.

Fortson, Yokota's leading scorer and rusher this season, impressed at least one of the opposing team's players.

"He's formidable," Torii player-coach Darell Keith said. "He was a hard runner. He's got heart. The harder I hit him, the harder he ran."

Since falling 41-12 on May 30 at Yokosuka, the Warriors have won twice and outscored their

two foes 34-18, and appear to be a solid threat entering next month's playoffs. But Guild said he and the Warriors aren't thinking too far ahead.

"We take it game by game, practice by practice, show up on game day and give it all we've got," he said.

Just like in their 8-6 loss a week earlier at Kadena, the visiting Wolfpack launched a late-game drive from their 5-yard line, culminating in Harry Davis' 20-yard scoring run. But with no timeouts left, Torii was forced to watch Yo-

kota run out the clock.

"They're solid," Guild said of Torii, which brought 27 players to Yokota. "I was impressed. A lot of bodies. They're better than what they give themselves credit for."

Coming so close so often — the Wolfpack has lost their past three games by an average margin of just under six points — has Keith hopeful as the playoffs approach.

"I love these guys," said Keith, who led the Wolfpack with 13 tackles. "I believe in my heart that we'll win one of our playoff games."

## USFJ-AFL

Northern Division					
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Yokosuka	2	0	1.000	91	55
Yokota	2	3	.400	73	95
Misawa	1	3	.250	32	40
Southern Division					
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Foster	4	0	1.000	92	46
Kadena	2	2	.500	58	44
Torii	0	5	.000	32	98
x-clinched division title, first-round playoff bye					
Saturday's game					
Yokota 12, Torii Station 6					
Saturday, July 4					
Misawa at Yokosuka, 4 p.m.					
Foster at Kadena, 6 p.m.					
Friday, July 10					
Yokota at Kadena, 6 p.m.					
Saturday, July 18					
Foster at Yokosuka, 6 p.m., makeup of scheduled June 27 game					



## NHL draft

# Islanders make junior star man of the hour

High scorer, 18, is No. 1 overall pick; Flyers get Pronger from Anaheim

By SEAN FARRELL  
For The Associated Press

MONTREAL — The New York Islanders kept John Tavares and everyone else in the hockey world wondering whether he would become the team's fourth No. 1 overall pick in NHL draft history.

For the high-scoring junior star, a dream came true Friday night when Islanders general manager Garth Snow finally announced that Tavares had been his top choice all along.

"It's a special moment," said Tavares, an 18-year-old center with the London Knights.

"It's been talked about and I've been in the spotlight for a long time, and I understand it's only going to get even bigger. Leaving home at 14 years old, away from my family, I knew this is what I really wanted. And to achieve this is a special honor and a great accomplishment for myself."

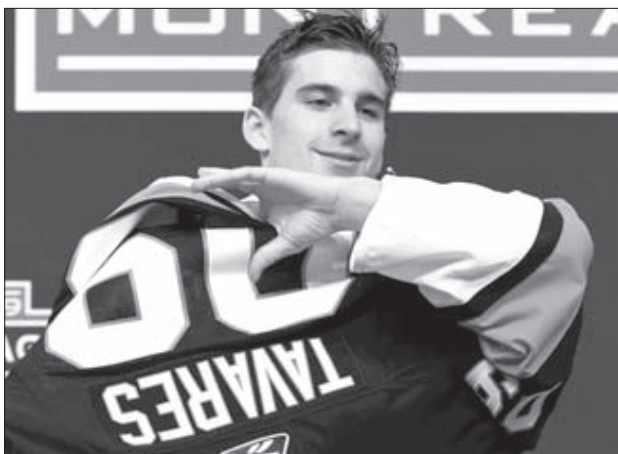
Snow chose Tavares ahead of 6-foot-6, 220-pound Swedish defenseman Victor Hedman, the top-ranked European prospect.

The Tampa Bay Lightning took Hedman, and the Colorado Avalanche followed with forward Matt Duchene, the first three selections going as expected.

The Philadelphia Flyers made the biggest trade of the night by acquiring All-Star defenseman Chris Pronger from Anaheim in a multiplayer deal.

Tavares, a 6-foot, 185-pound native of Oakville, Ontario, led the Ontario Hockey League with 58 goals last season and broke Peter Lee's 33-year-old league record of 213 career goals.

"He's an offensively gifted



RYAN REMIOW/AP

**No. 1 overall pick John Tavares, trying on his Islanders jersey Friday night, led the Ontario Hockey League with 58 goals last season.**

hockey player," said Snow, who kept the team's draft intentions a secret until he announced Tavares' name to the Bell Centre crowd.

"Whether it's shooting the puck or distributing it, he sees the puck at a different level than any other young player that I've seen in this draft."

Tavares' selection was immediately celebrated by Islanders fans, who were shown on the Bell Centre video scoreboard as they gathered for a team draft party at Nassau Coliseum on Long Island.

"I didn't see it but I heard things and obviously they are really interested in having me, and I definitely have the support of the fans and the community — that's huge," Tavares said.

"I'm very thankful to be going there and I appreciate the opportunity to be part of Long Island. It's going to be great and I can't wait to get things going knowing where it's headed. It's going to be a great future for all of us."

Tavares was the Islanders' first top pick since they made Rick

DiPietro the first goalie selected No. 1 overall in 2000.

The expansion Islanders chose Billy Harris No. 1 overall in 1972 and followed that a year later by selecting Denis Potvin, a Hall of Fame defenseman who captained the team to four consecutive Stanley Cups.

"We were focused as a group on getting the best available player, a player that's going to fit in well with the other building blocks that we have in the locker room," Snow said.

"I'm happy that our fans are happy because that was a player that we had identified early on."

Snow also made a pair of deals with Columbus and Minnesota, packaging draft picks to trade up from a second first-round pick at 26th to the 12th choice overall, selecting Oshawa Generals defenseman Calvin de Haan.

Hedman joins a Lightning team that drafted center Steven Stamkos first overall last season.

"I'm just happy to become an NHL player," said Hedman, whose playing style has been

## First-round selections

### Friday At Montreal

1. John Tavares, N.Y. Islanders, C, London (OHL).
2. Victor Hedman, Tampa Bay, D, Modo (Sweden).
3. Matt Duchene, Colorado, C, Brampton (OHL).
4. Evander Kane, Atlanta, C, Vancouver (WHL).
5. Brayden Schenn, Los Angeles, C, Brandon (WHL).
6. Oliver Ekman-Larsson, Phoenix, D, Leksand (Sweden).
7. Nazem Kadri, Toronto, C, London (OHL).
8. Scott Glennie, Dallas, RW, Brandon (WHL).
9. Jared Cowan, Ottawa, D, Spokane (WHL).
10. Magnus Paajarvi-Svensson, Edmonton, LW, Timra (Sweden).
11. Ryan Ellis, Nashville, D, Windsor (OHL).
12. Calvin de Haan, N.Y. Islanders (from Minnesota), D, Oshawa (OHL).
13. Zack Kassian, Buffalo, RW, Peterborough (OHL).
14. Dmitri Kulikov, Florida, D, Drummondville (QMJHL).
15. Peter Holland, Anaheim, C, Guelph (OHL).
16. Nick Leddy, Minnesota (from Columbus via N.Y. Islanders), D, Eden Prairie (USHS).
17. David Rundblad, St. Louis, D, Skelleftea (Sweden).
18. Louis Leblanc, Montreal, C, Omaha (USHL).
19. Chris Kreider, N.Y. Rangers, C, Andover (USHS).
20. Jacob Josefson, New Jersey (from Calgary), C, Djurgarden (Sweden).
21. John Moore, Columbus (from Philadelphia via Anaheim), D, Chicago (USHL).
22. Jordan Schroeder, Vancouver, C, U. of Minnesota (U.S. College).
23. Tim Erixon, Calgary (from New Jersey), D, Skelleftea (Sweden).
24. Marcus Johansson, Washington, C, Farjestad (Sweden).
25. Jordan Caron, Boston, RW, Rimouski (QMJHL).
26. Kyle Palmieri, Anaheim (from San Jose via Tampa Bay, Ottawa, N.Y. Islanders and Columbus), RW/C, U.S. U-18.
27. Philippe Paradis, Carolina, C, Shawinigan (QMJHL).
28. Dylan Olsen, Chicago, D, Camrose (Alta. Jr. A).
29. Carter Ashton, Tampa Bay (from Detroit), RW, Lethbridge (WHL).
30. Simon Despres, Pittsburgh, D, Saint John (QMJHL).

compared to Pronger, originally chosen second overall by the Hartford Whalers in 1993.

"It became Tampa and I'm just as happy as I can be. Tampa is a great team and a great organization as well, in my thoughts, so

I'm really looking forward to help the team next year."

In exchange for Pronger and center Ryan Dingle, the Ducks reacquired right wing Joffrey Lupul and received defenseman Luca Sbisa along with two first-round draft picks and a conditional pick.

After Duchene was picked third by Colorado, his favorite team growing up, Atlanta selected center Evander Kane of the Vancouver Giants, followed by Los Angeles, which chose Brandon Wheat Kings center Brayden Schenn, the younger brother of Toronto defenseman Luke Schenn, who went fifth overall to the Leafs last year.

The embattled Phoenix Coyotes delivered the first surprise of the first round when they drafted Swedish defenseman Oliver Ekman-Larsson with the sixth pick.

Toronto GM Brian Burke was subjected to a chorus of boos from the Montreal Canadiens fans filling the upper reaches of the arena before he announced center Nazim Kadri, Tavares' Knights teammate, with the seventh selection.

Right wing Scott Glennie, Brayden Schenn's Brandon line-mate, was chosen eighth by Dallas. Ottawa drafted 6-foot-5, 220-pound defenseman Jared Cowen of the Spokane Chiefs with the ninth pick, followed by Edmonton, which took Swedish center Magnus Paajarvi-Svensson to complete the top 10.

The Minnesota Wild, which dealt the No. 12 pick to the Islanders, made defenseman Nick Leddy of Eden Prairie, Minn., the top American drafted with the No. 16 selection.

"You never really know what can happen but I'm just happy that they picked me and I can be one of the hometown guys," said Leddy, whose parents were on hand to share the moment as part of a group of about 10 family members and friends.

# Home: Hunter thinks he can win Series title with Angels

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the services of Kelvim Escobar, an 18-game winner in 2007 who had offseason shoulder surgery, and Ervin Santana, a 2008 All-Star who opened the season on the disabled list with a sprained ligament in his throwing elbow.

After missing the first six weeks with a strained right forearm, starter John Lackey has had an up-and-down season since returning in mid-May. Mix in the tragic death of rookie pitcher Nick Adenhardt, who was killed on April 9 in a traffic collision with a suspected drunken driver, and the Angels have already shown resiliency in a difficult season.

Hunter, whose ebullient smile rarely dims, has been a key.

"There's a lot to smile about," locker neighbor Gary Matthews Jr. said. "He hasn't changed just

because he's having a good year. He's been consistent. At this point, he's got an opportunity to create a legacy. Whether he admits it or not, I think it kind of drives him."

Hunter, fourth among AL outfielders in All-Star balloting, disagrees.

"They can mention that all they want, it's premature," said Hunter, who has won eight Gold Glove awards. "All I want is a World Series ring. That's all I want. It'd be nice for a collection for the future, but that ring is more important than any of that."

And he thinks he can get it with the Angels. So far, he's giving many a reason to believe it could happen.

Los Angeles has been on a tear since mid-June, going 8-3. Hunter, who went 12-for-42 with

five home runs and 12RBIs during the stretch, attributes his offensive success this season to new addition Bobby Abreu.

Abreu, signed as a free agent during the offseason, bats ahead of Hunter in the lineup.

"Just watching him have those seven pitch at-bats, the patience,"

Hunter said. "He always tells me 'They don't give you nothing, don't swing.' I've been hearing that for so many years, but I didn't listen. Watching somebody do that has made me better. Bobby Abreu can make a whole team better, he lives on base."

Of course, Hunter has shown

his teammates a thing or two about defense.

"This guy's been a gold glove center fielder since the first day he stepped out there playing his first game and he's continued to do that," Scioscia said. "I'd hate to see where we would be without Torii."

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# Pujols power show

## Cards' slugger homers twice in victory over Twins

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols hit two two-run home runs, helping the St. Louis Cardinals pound 10-game winner Kevin Slowey in a 5-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Saturday.

Pujols leads the majors with 28 homers and 74 RBIs after his 29th career multihomer game, sixth this season and second in six days. Both homers came off Slowey (10-3), whose bid to take the major league lead in victories was a bust. Pujols' second long ball put the Cardinals ahead 5-3 in the third.

Josh Kinney (1-0) allowed two hits in 1 2/3 innings of relief for his first career victory and struck out feebly in his first career at-bat after manager Tony La Russa elected not to use an early pinch hitter with two outs, the bases loaded and Slowey on the ropes in the third.

Brendan Harris hit a rare three-run single in the second inning for the Twins. The runners were in motion on Harris' fly ball to shallow left that glanced off Chris Duncan's glove for a hit that briefly put the Twins ahead 3-2.

Slowey lasted only three innings, matching his shortest outing of the season after entering 6-1 in his previous eight starts. He gave up five runs and six hits, remaining tied with Toronto's Roy Halladay for the victories lead while falling to 3-1 with a 4.43 ERA in interleague play this season. The Twins are 11-6 against the NL.

Skip Schumaker added three hits and scored twice for the Cardinals, who totaled three runs during a three-game losing streak.

Six Cardinals relievers retired 16 of the last 17 hitters. Ryan Franklin worked the ninth for his 18th save in 19 chances, and first in a week.

Todd Wellemeyer lasted 2 1/3 innings, the shortest outing of his two years as a starter. He allowed three runs and four hits and walked four, giving him eight in his past eight innings.

Pujols is 8 for 16 with six RBIs against Minnesota after his first homers against the Twins. He's homered against all but four AL teams: the Baltimore Orioles, Chicago White Sox, Oakland Athletics and Texas Rangers.

After Pujols homered twice into the visitor's bullpen in left



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

**St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols watches the first of his two home runs in Saturday's 5-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins. Pujols leads the majors with 28 homers and 74 RBIs.**

center, the Twins pitched him carefully. Pujols drew his major league-leading 24th intentional walk with a runner on third and two outs in the fourth and walked on five pitches with a man on first and two outs in the sixth.

Pujols added an outstanding play at first base. He dived to snare Jason Kubel's smash down the line, rolled over on his back and flipped to reliever Denny Reyes covering to end the sixth.

Twins reliever Bob Keppel allowed two hits in four scoreless innings in his debut for Minnesota, and first major league appearance since April 29, 2007 with the Colorado Rockies.

In Friday's game:

**Twins 3, Cardinals 1:** Glen Perkins worked seven innings and visiting Minnesota got key hits from Jason Kubel and Michael Cuddyer.

Joe Mauer was 1 for 2 with two walks and is batting .396 for the Twins (38-35), who are 11-5 in interleague play.

Kubel and Cuddyer each had two hits and an RBI, and Perkins (3-4), whose previous three career at-bats were strikeouts, contributed two sacrifices.

Adam Wainwright (8-5) lasted seven innings, allowing three runs, two earned.



THE CANADIAN PRESS, DARREN CALABRESE/AP

**Philadelphia Phillies pitcher J. A. Happ improved to 5-0 with the first complete game of his career, a five-hit, 10-0 victory over Toronto.**

## Phillies' 3-game skid is over as Happ tops Jays

The Associated Press

TORONTO — J.A. Happ pitched a five-hit shutout and Jayson Werth homered twice as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Toronto Blue Jays 10-0 on Saturday.

In the first complete game of his career, Happ (5-0) struck out four and didn't walk a batter to win for the first time in four starts, helping the Phillies snap a three-game losing streak. The victory was only Philadelphia's third in 14 games.

After going without an extra-base hit for the first time in 97 games in Friday's 6-1 defeat, the Phillies used the long ball to jump ahead quickly, homering twice in the top of the first.

Werth hit a towering two-run drive into the upper deck, his 14th, and Pedro Feliz added a two-out homer to left.

Toronto left-hander Brad Mills (0-1) allowed eight runs and eight hits in four-plus innings, striking out seven in his second career start.

Werth's upper deck blast was the 14th in the 20-year history of Rogers Centre, formerly SkyDome. Toronto's Vernon Wells was the last player to reach the upper tier, on Sept. 16, 2004 against Baltimore's Rodrigo Lopez.

A Blue Jay in 2002 and 2003 before he was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers, Werth singled in the third, doubled and scored in the fifth and hit a solo homer

off reliever B.J. Ryan in the sixth. Werth walked in his final plate appearance.

Mills also faced the Phillies in his debut, June 18 at Philadelphia, when he allowed four runs and six hits, including homers to Werth and Jimmy Rollins, in 3 2/3 innings.

Carlos Ruiz hit an RBI double in the fourth before the Phillies pulled away with a four-run fifth. Shawn Camp replaced Mills after Ryan Howard's single, then allowed an RBI single to Chris Coste, Eric Bruntlett's sacrifice fly and a run-scoring single by Ruiz, making it 9-0.

In Friday's game:

**Blue Jays 6, Phillies 1:** Ricky Romero held visiting Philadelphia hitless for six innings and Aaron Hill hit a two-run double for Toronto. The rookie left-hander gave up a hit to Chase Utley leading off the seventh and Jayson Werth followed with an infield single for the Phillies, losers of 11 of 13. Romero got Ryan Howard to hit into a double play and John Mayberry to fly out to center to finish the inning. Romero (5-3) allowed two hits, walked one and struck out seven.

Toronto won for the fourth time in five games and has beaten the Phillies in six straight.

The Blue Jays scored three runs in the third off left-hander Cole Hamels (4-4), who is winless in four starts.

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MLB scoreboard

Los Angeles

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Figgins 3b 4 1 0 0

Mizutsu 2b 6 2 2 2

Bareuf rf 5 2 2 1

Quinlan lf 0 0 0 0

TrHntr cf 4 2 1 2

SRDrzf rf 0 0 0 0

JRiver lf 5 2 2 1

Bulger p 0 0 0 0

KMoris 1b 4 1 2 2

Eayar ss 3 1 1 1

JMathis c 4 0 1 1

JerWvr p 2 1 0 1

Guerr ph 1 0 0 0

Oliver p 0 0 0 0

MthwsJ cf 1 0 0 0

Totals 3912 11 22

Los Angeles 080 100 030-12

Arizona 002 100 000-3

E-Clark (3), DP-Los Angeles 2, LOB- Los Angeles 8, Arizona 7, 2B-Miztursis (7), B.Abreu (15), K.Morales (2), J.Mathis (3), Clark (2), 3B-Miztursis (2), HR-Tor, Hunter (17), S.Drew (5), Clark (4), SB-B.Abreu (17), E.Aybar (5), F.Lopez (6).

Los Angeles

ab r h bi

JerWeaver W-8 3 6 4 3

Oliver 1 1 0 0

Bulger 2 1 0 0

Arizona

ab r h bi

Buckner L-2 5 1 1/2 7 8 8 1 0

Boyer 2 2 1/2 2 1 1 3 1 0

Zavada 1 1/2 0 0 0 0 1 1

Vasquez 1 0 0 0 0 1 0

Schoeneweis 1/2 0 2 1 1 0

J.Gutierrez 1 2 1 0 1 0 3

HPB-by Boyer (E.Aybar, J.Mathis).

T-3:07, A-24,870 (48,652).

Arizona

ab r h bi

Castillo 2b 4 0 0 0

Cora ss 4 0 0 0

DWright 3b 4 0 0 0

Sheffield rf 3 1 1 1

Tatis lf 3 0 1 0

Church cf 3 0 1 0

Evans 1b 3 0 1 0

Can 2b 3 0 0 0

Pelfrey p 3 0 0 0

Arreys ph 1 0 0 0

Misch p 0 0 0 0

Dessens p 0 0 0 0

Parnell p 0 0 0 0

DmRnp ph 1 0 0 0

Saben p 0 0 0 0

Totals 43 914 8

Los Angeles 040 000 032-9

New York (A) 000 010 000-1

E-Cora (3), D.Wright (10), Evans (1), LOB-New York (A) 14, New York (N) 2, 2B-Damon (17), Cano (17), R.Pena (2), Clark (4), HR-Corcoran (3), A.Rodriguez (11), Sheffield (9), SB-Gardner (17), Damon (8).

Los Angeles

ab r h bi

Sabatina W-7 4 7 3 1

Tomko 2 0 0 0

New York (A)

ab r h bi

Pelfrey L-5 3 5 6 4

Misch 1 1/2 2 0 0 2 1

Dessens 1 1/2 3 3 1 1

Parnell 1/2 0 0 0 1 0

S.Green 1 3 2 2 1 0

HPB-by S.Green (Teixeira), WP-Parnell, Balk-Parnell, T-3:02, A-41,278 (41,800).

Colorado

ab r h bi

Fowler cf 4 1 0 0

Spilgrhs lf 4 2 0 0

Ortiz 1b 1b 4 0 3 2

Atkins dh 4 0 3 2

Hawpe rf 4 0 0 0

Tlwtz ss 3 0 0 0

Iannett c 3 0 0 0

Stewart 3b 4 0 0 0

Barnes 2b 4 1 2 0

Totals 34 4 6 4

Colorado 000 030 000-4

Oakland 000 000 110-2

E-Hannahan (4), Braden (2), DP-Colorado 1, LOB-Colorado 7, Oakland 6, 2B-Atkins (7), Holliday 2 (16), O.Cabrera (15), HR-K.Suzuki (5), S-Fowler.

Colorado

ab r h bi

Hammel W-5 3 7 1/2 4

R.Flores H-7 1/2 1 0 0 2 2 5

Jo.Peralta H-6 1/2 0 0 0 2 0

Street S-17 18 1/2 0 0 0 1

Oakland

ab r h bi

Braden L-5 7 5 1/2 5

Ziegler 1/2 1 0 0 0 1

Breslow 1 0 0 0 0 1

S.Breslow 1 0 0 0 0 1

A.Bailey 1 0 0 0 0 2

HPB-by Braden (Iannetta), T-2:41, A-20,872 (35,067).

Florida

ab r h bi

Coghlin lf 4 1 1 0

JoBakr c 5 0 0 0

HRMrz ss 5 1 3 2

Cantu dh 5 1 3 0

Gload 1b 4 0 1 1

Ugla 2b 4 0 0 0

C.Ross cf 4 0 0 0

Hermid rf 3 0 1 0

Bonifac 3b 4 0 2 0

Totals 38 311 3

Tampa Bay 100 010 100-3

Florida 101 010 04x-7

DP-Tampa Bay 1, Houston 1, LOB-Tampa Bay 11, Houston 11, 2B-Everett (9), Tejada (25), L.Rodriguez (9), HR-Polanco (14), M.Cabrera (16), S-J.Anderson (12), S-Everett, Verlander 2, K.Matsui, SF-Tejada.

Florida

ab r h bi

Buption cf 5 1 2 1

Crowder lf 5 1 2 1

Longori 3b 4 0 2 1

C.Pena 1b 2 0 1 1

Zobrist 2b 3 0 0 0

Burrell dh 4 0 0 0

Bartlett ss 4 1 0 0

Gross rf 3 1 3 0

Navarr c 0 0 0 0

Totals 32 71 6

Tampa Bay 100 010 100-3

Florida 101 010 04x-7

HPB-by Millwood (E.Cabrera, E.Cabrera), WP-Tejada, T-2:46, A-33,340 (49,170).

San Diego

ab r h bi

W.Silva L-0 1 2 1/2

Perdomo 3 2 1 1

Thatcher 1 4 2 0

G.Burke 1 0 0 0

Texas

ab r h bi

Millwood W-8 5 6 4

Grilli 1 0 0 0

Weyre 1 0 0 0

D.Mathis 1 0 0 0

HPB-by Millwood (E.Cabrera, E.Cabrera), WP-Tejada, T-2:46, A-33,340 (49,170).

San Diego

ab r h bi

Gwynn rf 5 1 1 1

Ekstn 2b 4 0 2 0

LRdrgz 2b 0 0 0 0

Hairstrn cf 4 0 0 1

AdGnzl 1b 2 0 0 0

ENGnzl 1b 0 0 0 0

Kzmfnf 3b 4 0 0 0

Headly lf 3 0 0 0

Blanks dh 4 0 0 0

Alfonzo c 4 0 0 0

ECarers ss 2 1 0 0

Totals 32 2 4 2

San Diego 100 010 000-2

Texas 243 100 20x-12

E-Gwynn (4), Andrus (11), DP-San Diego 2, LOB-San Diego 8, Texas 6, 2B-Kinsler (17), Saltalamacchia (8), 3B-Andrus (5), HR-Gwynn (1), DavMurry (5), Blacklock (14), SF-Kinsler, Blacklock.

San Diego

ab r h bi

W.Silva L-0 1 2 1/2

Perdomo 3 2 1 1

Thatcher 1 4 2 0

G.Burke 1 0 0 0

Texas

ab r h bi

Millwood W-8 5 6 4

Grilli 1 0 0 0

Weyre 1 0 0 0

D.Mathis 1 0 0 0

HPB-by Millwood (E.Cabrera, E.Cabrera), WP-Tejada, T-2:46, A-33,340 (49,170).

Washington

ab r h bi

CGZmn ss 5 0 1 0

NJnsn 1b 3 0 0 0

Zmrmn 3b 3 0 1 0

Algnzlb 3b 1 0 1 0

Dunn dh 4 0 0 0

Wnglh lf 3 1 1 0

Dukes rf 4 0 1 0

J.Bard c 3 0 2 0

Whears cf 3 0 0 0

Arndz 2b 4 0 0 0

Totals 33 1 7 1

Washington 010 000 000-1

Baltimore 100 208 00x-11

E-C.Guzman (10), Willingham (3), B.Roberts (5), DP-Washington 2, Baltimore 1, LOB-Washington 9, Baltimore 8, 2B-A.Jones (17), R.Adams (5), M.La (6), 3B-A.Jones (2), SF-A.Huff, Mora.

Washington

ab r h bi

Detwiler L-0 4 5 9 5

Hannahr 1/2 3 4 4 1 1

Villone 2/2 2 2 1 1

Colome 2 2 0 0 1

Baltimore

ab r h bi

Bergesen W-5 2 6 4 1

Baez 1 1 0 0

Albers 1 2 0 0

Sherrill 1 0 0 0

Detwiler pitched to 2 batters in the 6th, HBP-by Bergesen (N.Johnson), T-2:59, A-45,024 (48,290).

Chicago

ab r h bi

ASorin lf 4 0 0 0

Fudkym cf 5 0 1 0

Bradly rf 3 0 0 0

Freel rf 1 0 0 0

D.Lee 1b 3 1 1 0

Hoffpar dh 4 0 0 0

JFox 3b 4 2 3 0

Theriot ss 0 0 0 0

Fontent 2b-3b 1 4 1 2

Soto c 4 1 2 3

ABlanc ss-2b 4 0 1 0

Totals 36 5 8 5

Chicago (A) 000 200 300-5

Chicago (N) 100 100 020-4

E-Konerko (1), DP-Chicago (N) 2, LOB-Chicago (N) 6, Chicago (A) 6, 2B-JFox (5), A.Blanco (4), Thome (8), HR-JFox (2), Soto (7), Dye (17), Thome (16), Fukuudome (6), Podsednik (11), CS-Beckham (2).

Chicago (N)

ab r h bi

R.Wells W-3 3 7 5 2

Marmol H-15 1/2 2 2 2 3 0

Marshall H-2 3/2 0 0 0 0 0

Gregg S-12 15 1 0 0 0 1

Chicago (A)

ab r h bi

Contreras L-2 7 7 5 4

Thornton 1 1/2 1 0 0 1 2

T-2:26, A-39,015 (40,615).

Philadelphia

ab r h bi

Victorn cf 3 1 0 0

Uteley 2b 3 0 2 0

Werth rf 3 0 1 0

Howard 1b 4 0 0 0

Mayrr lf 3 0 0 0

Feliz 3b 3 0 0 0

Coste dh 2 0 0 0

Dobbs ph-dh 1 0 0 0

Bnrttt ss 3 0 0 0

Ruiz c 3 0 0 0

Totals 28 1 3 1

Philadelphia 000 000 001-1

Toronto 000 130 02x-6

DP-Philadelphia 1, Toronto 1, LOB-Philadelphia 3, Toronto 8, 2B-Scutaro (22), A.Hill (11), Rolen (21), Lind (24), SB-Uteley (7), A.Hill (3), SF-Werth, Rolen.

Philadelphia

ab r h bi

Hamels L-4 4 3 8 4

Park 1/2 0 0 0 0 0

T.Walker 2 0 0 0 0 0

Lidge 2 2 2 2 2 0

J.Romero 3/2 0 0 0 1 0

Toronto

ab r h bi

R.Romero W-5 3 7 2 0

Accardo 1 0 0 0

Hayhurst 1 1 1 1

W.Lidge 1 0 0 0

T-2:56, A-21,331 (49,539).

Boston

ab r h bi

Pedroia 2b 4 2 2 1

Brewer rf 4 0 2 1

Youtis 3b 3 0 0 0

Bay lf 4 0 0 0

D.Ortiz 1b 3 1 1 0

Ellsury cf 1 0 0 0

Varitek c 3 0 0 0

Kotsay cf-1b 4 0 0 0

MGreen ss 2 1 0 0

Beckett p 2 0 0 0

Lugo ph 0 0 0 0

Okajim p 0 0 0 0

Papelbn p 0 0 0 0

Totals 30 4 7 3

Boston 000 011 020-4

Atlanta 000 000 000-1

E-Okajima (1), DP-Boston 1, Atlanta 1, LOB-Boston 3, Atlanta 9, 2B-Pedroia (21), DiBernandez (2), McCann (14), HR-D.Ortiz (8), D.Ross (6), CS-Kotsay (1), S-Lugo.

Boston

ab r h bi

Beckett W-9 3 7 6 0

Okajima 1 0 0 0

Papelbn 1 2 1 1

Atlanta

ab r h bi

Jurgens L-5 6 8 7 4

M.Gonzalez 1 0 0 0

HPB-by Beckett (McLouth), PB-D.Ross, Balk-Jurgens 2, T-2:46, A-48,418 (49,743).

San Francisco

ab r h bi

Rownd cf 4 0 0 0

Winn lf 4 0 0 0

Sandovl 3b 3 1 1 0

BMolin c 4 0 0 0

Ishikaw 1b 4 0 0 0

Schrlt rf 4 0 2 0

Uribe ss 3 0 1 0

MDwns 2b 3 0 0 0

Cain p 3 0 0 0

Torres ph 0 0 0 0

MValdz p 0 0 0 0

Totals 31 1 4 1

San Francisco 100 000 000-1

San Francisco 100 020 00x-5

DP-San Francisco 1, LOB-San Francisco 6, Milwaukee 6, 2B-Schierholtz (7), Braun (16), McGehee (9), 3B-Counsell (4), HR-Sandova (9), Hardy (7), SB-Urbe (1), Torres (4), M.Cameron (4), SF-Fielder.

San Francisco

ab r h bi

Cain L-9 2 7 6 5

M.Valdez 1 0 0 0

Milwaukee

ab r h bi

Gallardo W-8 4 7 3 4

Coffey H-12 1/2 0 0 0 0

Villanueva 1 0 0 0

T-2:29, A-37,345 (41,900).

San Francisco

ab r h bi

Rownd cf 4 0 0 0

Winn lf 4 0 0 0

Sandovl 3b 3 1 1 0

BMolin c 4 0 0 0

Ishikaw 1b 4 0 0 0

Schrlt rf 4 0 2 0

Uribe ss 3 0 1 0

MDwns 2b 3 0 0 0

Cain p 3 0 0 0

Torres ph 0 0 0 0

MValdz p 0 0 0 0

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San Francisco

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Ishikaw 1b 4 0 0 0

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San Francisco

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San Francisco

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Rownd cf 4 0 0 0

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## Baseball roundup

# Ethier a happy camper after homer spree

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Once again, Andre Ethier's talent impressed Don Wakamatsu.

Ethier was about 12 years old when he attended a winter baseball camp in Phoenix that was run by Wakamatsu, now the manager of the Seattle Mariners.

Fifteen years later, Ethier put on a power display for him, hitting three home runs and driving in a career-high six runs for the Los Angeles Dodgers in an 8-2 victory over the Mariners on Friday night.

"I saw him as a young player at (Arizona State) and saw his talent there," Wakamatsu said. "He hit three different pitches off three different pitchers, and that was awfully impressive."

Ethier gave the Dodgers a 3-0 lead in the second, driving a 1-1 pitch from Jason Vargas (3-3) to center field after Casey Blake led off with a double and James Loney singled.

He made it 7-2 in the sixth with a drive into the right-field pavilion off Roy Corcoran after Russell Martin was hit by a pitch. The Dodgers' right fielder capped his first three-homer game with a leadoff shot in the eighth off Miguel Batista.

"It was a lot of fun. It's something I never dreamed of before," Ethier said.

"It's one of those unlikely things that's a nice individual accomplishment, and if it helps the team and makes the outcome better for us, so be it. But I don't expect home runs now just because of this."

Ethier has hit 13 of his 14 homers this season at Dodger Stadium. It was Ethier's fifth career multihomer game.

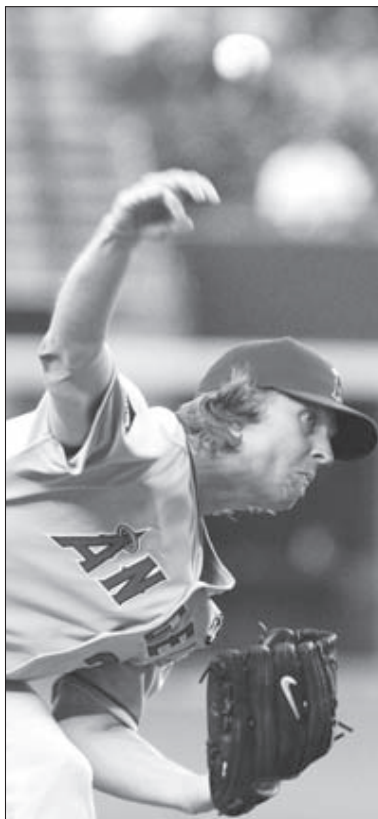
Ethier became the 15th player to hit three or more home runs for the Dodgers and the first since Hee-Seop Choi on June 12, 2005, against Minnesota.

Clayton Kershaw (5-5) allowed two runs and five hits over six innings and struck out eight, helping the defending NL West champions improve baseball's best record to 48-26.

The 21-year-old left-hander hasn't given up more than five hits in any of his last 11 starts, but is only 5-3 during that stretch despite a 2.48 ERA in those eight outings.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki had his sixth straight multihit game, giving him a major league-leading 34 this season.

**Rockies 4, Athletics 2:** Garrett Atkins had three hits and two RBIs and Colorado's Jason Hammel (5-3) improved to 4-0



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

**Jered Weaver won his fifth in six starts as the Los Angeles Angels beat the Arizona Diamondbacks.**

in June. Todd Helton added a two-run single as part of a three-run fifth inning, helping the Rockies snap a seven-game losing streak in Oakland.

Hammel allowed four hits, struck out five and walked two to finish 4-0 this month. He extended his career-best winning streak to five.

Huston Street worked a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 18 tries.

**Angels 12, Diamondbacks 3:** Torii Hunter's two-run homer capped visiting Los Angeles' eight-run second inning. Jered Weaver (8-3) won his first career ap-

pearance against Arizona, Maicer Izturis doubled and tripled to drive in two runs, and Bobby Abreu had two hits and two RBIs as the Angels established a season high for runs.

The Angels have won three straight and 10 of 13.

Weaver gave up three runs and four hits in six innings for his fifth win in six starts.

**Red Sox 4, Braves 1:** Josh Beckett threw seven more scoreless innings against host Atlanta and David Ortiz homered for Boston. Beckett (9-3) has faced the Braves twice in seven days, and is yet to give up a run. He threw a five-hit, no-walk shutout at Fenway Park last weekend. This time, he allowed six hits, struck out six and didn't walk anyone.

Although his batting average is only .218, Ortiz has been showing improvement lately. He's hitting .333 over his past 17 games, with seven homers and 14 RBIs.

The Braves lost their third straight and 11th in 16. Starter Jair Jurrjens (5-6) allowed three earned runs in eight innings.

**Indians 9, Reds 2:** Jeremy Sowers pitched into the eighth inning for his first victory as a starter this season and Ryan Garko hit a two-run homer as host Cleveland won just its second in 10 games. Sowers (2-5) allowed two runs and six hits.

Garko homered in the fourth off Aaron Harang (5-8) and Victor Martinez added a solo shot in the fifth as the Indians built a 9-0 lead.

**Pirates 5, Royals 3:** At Pittsburgh, Virgil Vasquez (1-0) went six innings for his first major league victory and Pittsburgh got home runs from Nyjer Morgan, Jason Jaramillo and Jack Wilson.

Vasquez (1-0), making his first big league start in two years, allowed two runs and four hits while striking out seven. Pittsburgh has won three straight since snapping a five-game losing streak.

Gil Meche (4-7) allowed four runs in five innings.

**Orioles 11, Nationals 1:** Rookie Brad Bergesen (5-2) allowed four hits in six innings to win his fourth straight decision and Melvin Mora had four RBIs for host Baltimore. Aubrey Huff drove in three runs, and Nick Markakis, Adam Jones and Nolan Reimold each had three hits for the Orioles, who used an eight-run sixth to turn the game into a rout.

A crowd of 45,024, the biggest at Camden Yards since opening day, showed up for the interleague matchup of last-place clubs.

**Cubs 5, White Sox 4:** At Chicago, Geovany Soto hit a three-run homer to back another solid start by Randy Wells (2-3) as the Cubs broke a four-game losing streak. Wells won his second straight start, allowing two runs and five hits in seven innings.

**Rays 7, Marlins 3:** B.J. Upton's three-run double snapped an eighth-inning tie for host Tampa Bay. Carlos Pena, Evan Longoria and Carl Crawford also drove in runs as the AL champions ended Florida's five-game winning streak. J.P. Howell (3-2), the fifth Tampa Bay pitcher, worked 1 1/3 innings for the victory.

Florida's Hanley Ramirez homered for the third time in four games, hitting a solo shot that made it 3-all in the seventh.

**Rangers 12, Padres 2:** David Murphy and Hank Blalock homered for Texas and Kevin Millwood (8-5) won his fifth straight decision at home. Murphy's three-run homer put Texas up 6-1 against Walter Silva (0-1), who gave up nine runs in 2 1/3 innings. It was Murphy's third homer in eight games. Millwood (8-5) allowed two runs over six innings.

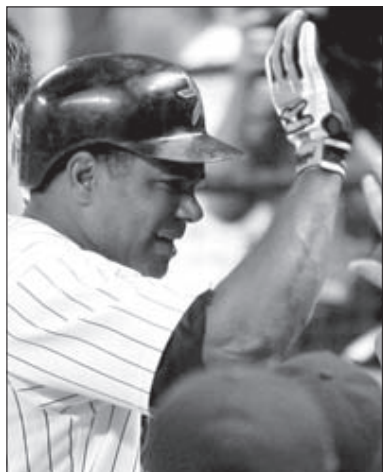
**Yankees 9, Mets 1:** In New York, three errors by Mets infielders led to a four-run second inning, and Alex Rodriguez of the visiting Yankees added his 564th home run to pass Reggie Jackson on the career list. Fill-in leadoff batter Brett Gardner had a career-high five hits, including his third home run of the season and a triple. Rodriguez made it 7-1 with a two-run shot in the eighth, his 11th.

Third baseman David Wright, shortstop Alex Cora and first baseman Nick Evans contributed to the Mets' first three-error inning in five years.

CC Sabathia (7-4), who left Sunday's start at Florida after 1 1/3 innings because of tightness in his left biceps, allowed three hits in seven innings, struck out eight and walked one.

**Brewers 5, Giants 1:** Yovani Gallardo (8-4) outdueled Matt Cain (9-2) and Ryan Braun drove in two runs for host Milwaukee. Slumping shortstop J.J. Hardy homered for the Brewers, who had lost five of six. It was the Giants' second loss in seven games.

Gallardo gave up a first-inning home run to Pablo Sandoval before settling down to retire 16 batters in a row between the second and seventh innings. Cain matched season highs by allowing five runs and striking out nine.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

**Miguel Tejada is welcomed back to the Houston dugout after driving in the deciding run against the Detroit Tigers.**

## Tejada, Astros halt Tigers' win streak at seven

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Miguel Tejada hopes ending the major leagues' longest current winning streak will help the Houston Astros start one of their own.

Tejada had a double and drove in two runs to lead the Astros to a 5-4 victory over Detroit on Friday night, ending the Tigers' seven-game winning streak.

"For our team it's really, really big," Tejada said of the Astros, who have won two straight but are fifth in the NL Central. "Now I think we get some games from other teams and that's what we'll continue to do."

Tejada doubled in the third

inning for the Astros' first run and drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the eighth. Tejada's deciding fly ball came after Jeff Keppinger drew a bases-loaded walk that made it 4-4.

Kaz Matsui singled with one out in the eighth before Joel Zumaya (3-2) walked three consecutive batters.

"He got out Pudge (Ivan Rodriguez), the guy got a base hit and then he got wild," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said, shaking his head.

He was replaced by Freddy Dolsi after walking Keppinger.

Placido Polanco's three-run homer with two outs in the second inning put Detroit up 4-0. Miguel Cabrera hit a solo homer in the first.

Chris Sampson (4-0) got the last out of the eighth and LaTroy Hawkins pitched a scoreless ninth for his 10th save.

Astros starter Wandy Rodriguez struggled early, facing 12 batters and throwing 51 pitches in two innings.

"I was very bad with location in the first and second innings," Rodriguez said. "My mistake today was trying to throw too hard."

He got on track, retiring seven of the next eight before walking Cabrera with one out in the fifth. He allowed two singles but got Magglio Ordonez to ground into a double play to end the inning and was replaced in the sixth.

The Tigers have homered

in 10 consecutive games, their longest such stretch in almost two years.

Detroit's Justin Verlander allowed seven hits and three runs and struck out six in 5 1/3 innings.

"Our (ace) wasn't really sharp and we couldn't throw strikes," Leyland said.

Tejada said forcing Verlander out so early was a key.

"When we face a guy like Verlander, a good pitcher like this, we need to be a little bit relaxed and take some more pitches," he said. "Look at what happened. He was out of the game in the sixth inning and that's what we were looking for."



## SPORTS



Isles select high-scoring  
junior star with No. 1 pick  
in NHL draft, Page 28

*"I'd hate to see where we  
would be without Torii."*

**Mike Scioscia**  
Angels manager

# Hunter

Rejuvenated outfielder

# finds

gives Angels needed lift

# home

with his offensive output

BY SOLANGE REYNER  
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif.

Torii Hunter seems to have rediscovered his comfort zone.

The perennial Gold Glove center fielder is having one of his best offensive seasons to help the Los Angeles Angels stay afloat while they struggle to stitch together a starting rotation that has been hampered by a rash of injuries and heartbreak.

"I think production is obviously going to come and go, but at a time when we needed it the most he's been leading the charge," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "What Torii's brought to us, particularly on the offensive end, has been keeping our heads above water for the first couple of months."

After Friday's victory at Arizona, Hunter was hitting .309 with 17 homers and 56 RBIs, 22 fewer than he had all of last season, his first in Orange County after the longtime Twin became a free agent and felt slighted by Minnesota's three-year offer.

"Out of 10 teams, the Twins offered the least. That's my hometown, that's my home city — I grew up with those guys," said Hunter, who started his career in the Twins' organization in 1993 and made his mark in the major leagues by roaming the Metrodome's outfield from 1999-2007.

Hunter left Minnesota among the franchise's top 10 in seven offensive categories. In his last season there, he batted .287 with 28 homers and 107 RBIs.

"For them to offer me a three-year deal was kind of like a slap in the face to be honest with you, but I always said I wanted to play with the Angels," he said. "They called me last minute and I took it in a heart-beat. I'm having a great time."

The Angels are lucky to have him.

Los Angeles was a half-game behind the Texas Rangers in the AL West after Friday's games despite having yet to fully benefit from

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of rookie Nick Adenhart.**

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**Pujols hits 27th, 28th home  
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